

PROVOST GUARD LOOKING FOR DELINQUENTS

Persons in Lowell's public amusement places last evening were treated to an example of provost guard work as "she is done" in the Regular army. About a dozen soldiers in the uniform of the Regular army, armed with pistols and bells of ammunition, arrived in town "sometime" last evening. There were a lot of men from Camp Devens in Lowell, and practically every one of them who happened to come under the observation of one of the members of the provost guard was scrutinized thoroughly from head to foot. The squad entered a local dance hall where there was a large number of soldiers and even went so far as to investigate the contents of the soldiers' overcoat pockets. Every man in uniform was gazed at intently. Then the various theatres were given

BRITISH BRING DOWN 12 GERMAN AIRPLANES

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Twelve German airplanes were brought down by British aviators on the western front Tuesday, according to an official announcement today. Three British machines are missing. The German planes were heavily bombed. The announcement says: "Good work was done in the air on Monday by Australian pilots. Two of them who were attacked by many hostile scouts when employed on artillery work succeeded in bringing down one of the enemy's machines in our lines and dispersed the remainder. "On Tuesday a thick haze again limited flying to the northern part of the front. A great deal of artillery photographic work was done. During the day over 150 bombs were dropped on the enemy's railway stations, dumps and trenches and many roundabouts were fired from the air into trenches and billets. "Fighting in the air on this part of the front was intense all day and resulted greatly in our favor. Seven hostile machines were brought down by our airplanes and one was shot down in our lines by anti-aircraft gunfire and another by the fire of our infantry. Three others were driven down out of control. Three of our machines are missing."

XMAS ISSUE OF HIGH SCHOOL REVIEW

The Christmas issue of the High School Review made its appearance today and there is an abundance of good things in the holiday number. Several Christmas short stories give the issue a holiday atmosphere, while the timely element is catered to by several poems and an extract of a letter sent to a pupil of the school by Robert Ward, a 1915 graduate who is now with the medical corps of the Regular army at Fort Niagara, N. Y. The letter is an interesting portrayal of life in the Regular army by a former high school boy. The 27th annual ball of the high school officers will be held Jan. 13th in the hall and committees are now hard at work in arranging the details of the many phases of the event. It was announced today that the high school track team for 1918 will be coached by Mike Huggerty, a prominent local athlete. Practice will begin immediately after the Christmas vacation. Only one "C" man will return to the squad this year, Capt. Warren Mansur. It is expected, however, that there will be plenty of new material to round out a fast team. All members of the high school regiment will be obliged to appear in uniform shortly after the Christmas vacation, according to an order issued this week by Maj. Walter E. Jeyes, military instructor.

LOOK YOURSELF OVER CAREFULLY

And see if your condition is not such as to make your best investment the purchase of Hood's Sarsaparilla, Pepton and Hood's Pills. This course of medicine will be worth many times the cost when it removes that tired feeling, that paleness and anemic tendency, that warning of waning strength, that weakness of body that opens the way for disease, that backache and other symptoms of kidney trouble, constipation, and that grouchy touch of rheumatism. Many people need this splendid combination to make perfect health. Others may not need all three, but almost everybody needs and will find relief in at least one of them.

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Says Workmen Played Checkers While Waiting for Work in Rifle Factory

Colvin Attacks Ordnance Officers for Imposing Too Rigid Rifle Specifications—Inquiry Into Meat Packing Industry Opens

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Workmen played checkers while waiting for work in a factory that was making rifles on a cost plus cost contract, according to Fred H. Colvin, editor of the American Machinist, who testified today before the senate military committee, which is investigating delays in equipping the army. He criticized ordnance officers for imposing too rigid rifle specifications. Requirements for interchangeability of the parts, he said, delayed production three months last summer, and in the connection he cited a private factory where the checker playing occurred last August. The Springfield arsenal had some machinery 50 years old, while many ordnance officers, he asserted, had no special training to qualify them. Correspondent with Secretary Baker, which the witness produced, disclosed that Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, had said Mr. Colvin should be barred from inspecting arsenals because he insisted expert machinists and not army officers should be in charge. Additional testimony regarding delay in machine gun production was given by Vice President Hanson of the Colt Arms company, at Hartford, Conn. Although the new Browning type was adopted last May, he said, no contracts were made until July. Because of need to prepare new machinery, his deliveries would not begin until April. His firm, however, is making deliveries on previous orders of Vickers machine guns, some contracted for a year ago.

SHIP INQUIRY TO BEGIN TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Investigation of the government's shipping board and emergency fleet corporation's operations under the resolution of Senator Harding, which the senate adopted, the senate commerce committee decided today, will begin tomorrow afternoon with Chairman Hurley as the first witness.

Central Powers Inform Russia of Plan to Make Peace Proposals to Allies

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—According to press reports, Russia has been informed by the central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the allies. This report is published in the Evening Post which says the representatives of the central powers at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians, held yesterday, announced that their governments intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the powers and that they had asked their allies to do likewise. Russia was requested to take similar steps. It is stated the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the allies. The Evening Post says the Germans had officially informed the Bolshevik headquarters that the central powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities but pointed out that self-determination of nations was impracticable. The representatives of the central powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries, but desired to know the result of Russia's efforts to induce the allies to join in the negotiations before proceeding with them. They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone. The Germans were of the opinion that the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts.

MORE RECRUITS FOR ARMY

Bertrand E. Dixon, of 30 Canton street has enlisted in the coast artillery of the regular army and left Lowell this morning for Boston. Around Papillon of Middlesex street signed up with the 249th Canadian battalion and left for Quebec this morning. Lieut. Stachelin of the British and Canadian recruiting mission left Lowell last night for his home in Nova Scotia where he will spend the Christmas holidays. Sergt. Edward Palmer, recruiting for the 218th Canadian forces, is concentrating his energies on Lawrence at the present time and so far he has succeeded in securing half a dozen men from the down river city. Sergt. J. Healey is in charge of local recruiting for the British and Canadian forces. Home on Furlough Ralph Gagne, Joseph Lamothe, Leopold Paradis and Pierre Briere, four local young men, who a couple of weeks ago enlisted at the local war work headquarters for the Canadian forces, are entering a furlough at their respective homes in this city. The young men wear the regulation uniform with olive drab overcoat and fur cap. The soldiers are all members of the 218th Canadian battalion, the last of whom wear the regulation uniform and their post is at the citadel in Quebec. They will return to the Canadian city Jan. 6, and are expected to sail for France within a few weeks. Arthur Barry of 203 Steadman street, has also enlisted in the same battalion and will report to Boston this afternoon, to be sent to Canada at a later date. Legal Advisory Board One of the busiest sessions of the legal advisory board at city hall was held yesterday, during which 200 registrants were assisted by the 16 lawyers present in filling their questionnaires. Sixteen other lawyers were on the job again this morning, and between the hours of 10 and 12 there was a continuous rush of registrants in the

The Thrift Club members in our neighborhood city of Lawrence are receiving \$300,000 this week, through the Lawrence Trust Company, their third year of distribution.

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BIG CUT HERE IN STREET RAILWAY SERVICE

The curtailment in the car service of the Bay State Street Railway Co. which was scheduled to go into effect next Wednesday, went into effect today, it being necessary to take immediate action owing to the coal shortage. The officials of the company state that they will give patrons the best service possible under the circumstances. A notice issued by the company states that at the Quincy power plant, which supplies all the lines south of Boston, the supply of coal is so short that it may be compelled to shut down entirely within a short time. There is a ten days' supply of coal on hand at the local power house in Middlesex street. About 50 tons of coal is consumed daily at the local plant. Two cars, each containing about 65 tons, reached this city yesterday and three more cars are now on the rails. The curtailment of service will not interfere with the running time of the cars early in the morning or at night, excepting late at night. The most important change and one which will greatly assist patrons is the curtailment of coal will be that the last cars to leave Merrimack square will be at 11:30 o'clock, beginning tonight and continuing until normal conditions are restored. Hereafter cars assembled in the square at 11:30 o'clock, 12 o'clock and 12:30 o'clock and after the latter hour the only people who secured service were those who lived in the vicinity of Middlesex street who were able to secure a car going to the barns. Therefore, bear in mind that the last car to leave Merrimack square beginning tonight will be at 11:30 o'clock. If you miss one of these cars the only way you will have to walk or resort to the taxi service. The Bay State maintains hourly time through to Reading on the Boston line, but every half hour a car is sent to Pawtucket Centre. The latter car will be eliminated between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. and after 8 p. m. On the Lowell-Nashua line during the hour there are mentioned the running time will be a car every two hours instead of hourly and on the Lakeview avenue line cars will run once an hour instead of every half-hour. The first car will leave Merrimack square for Nashua at 6:45 a. m. and another car will follow at 7:45 o'clock.

Bay State's Statement

The following is the statement issued by the Bay State Street Railway Co. from headquarters in Boston: "The emergency schedules on the Bay State street railway go into effect this morning, instead of Wednesday, Dec. 26, as originally contemplated, on account of the inability of the company to get coal. So far as possible, the first and last night cars will not be affected, and it is hoped that there will be no immediate curtailment of rush-hour service. "Receiver Donham said: 'Seven days' notice of changes in schedules is the law, but the emergency compels us to cut through the law in order to save the rush-hour service, which must be given up to the last. Our coal supply at our big Quincy plant is so small that we may be compelled to shut down entirely Thursday afternoon. Unless a new supply of fuel is received at once all power production ceases. These conditions are absolutely beyond our control. Coal has been ordered for months and we have done everything in our power to secure a supply. "It is unfortunate that we cannot give the people who will be compelled to change their riding plans a longer notice, but the matter is taken out of our hands and it is difficult to keep the company and others who are working on the solution of the coal problem have no control. Detailed schedules will be given to the public as quickly as they can be prepared. "The company has power plants in Lowell, Quincy, Chelsea, Lynn, Salem, Lawrence, Haverhill, Woburn, Eyfild and Essex and it is difficult to keep all of these going owing to the shortage of coal. Besides curtailing the service, the company is making an effort to save coal by discontinuing the heat in the cars."

GREAT DEMAND FOR ALCOHOL

Lowell is using a lot of alcohol. We mean the particular kind of alcohol which is marked on the outside of the bottle in glaring red letters intermingled with skull-and-crossbones and other terrifying devices to let the world at large know that it is not intended for medicinal use. It is known as common, everyday denatured alcohol, the kind sister uses to clean the furniture with. The more expensive species of it is called wood alcohol. Since the war started alcohol has been used in warfare on a scale that never existed in peace times. In the winter this is especially true. The various guns used in the army all must have a certain amount of oil for running purposes and in the frigid weather it is impossible to keep the oil from freezing. Alcohol is used as a substitute because it will stand a very low temperature before freezing. Naturally there are more guns being used now than ever before and the alcohol demand inevitably increases. Then the gun cotton used in connection with the guns and the manufacture of dynamite calls for a large amount of alcohol also. In Lowell, of course, there has not been such a great demand for alcohol for military purposes as in the case of the city of the city are buying the fluid as they never did before. One prominent local dealer says that it is a common occurrence to sell 100 gallons of it to automobilists alone in one day. The auto fans use it in connection with the engines of their machines, so that an even temperature may be maintained even in extremely cold weather. The heavy demand for the fluid both in Lowell and elsewhere has naturally resulted in a raise in price. A year ago this time denatured alcohol was selling in Lowell at retail for 14 cents a gallon; today you have to pay \$1.15 for it. Wood alcohol cost \$1.30 a year ago, and today you pay \$1.50 for it. This has affected people in many lines of business. The dye houses and cleaning establishments use a lot of alcohol and the increase in price has meant a few cents more in the cost of having one's garments cleaned. The local hospitals use a lot of alcohol and they too feel the pinch. The various manufacturing interests—almost every one of them—use alcohol in some branch of their work. Last, but not least, the humble housekeeper is not to be forgotten. She must pay the inevitable jump without a whimper. Asked as to whether or not there was any immediate danger of a scarcity of alcohol, a local dealer said that he couldn't see any just at present and that the local people were able to get all they wanted. However, if the war lasts too long, it is only natural to suppose that the strong-smelling element will dwindle eventually. Conservation sharks might well turn their attention to alcohol now, before the period of real emergency arrives.

Lowell High School Pupils Hold Christmas Exercises At Keith's Theatre

Lowell high school pupils had their Christmas exercises in the B. F. Keith theatre this morning at 11:30. The affair was in the form of a musical with Mr. Albert Edmund Brown of the State Normal school bearing the major share of the program.

The entire personnel of the school was present, both students and teachers. The program as carried out this morning was as follows: "Arouse Ye, Americans" Banjo Song "There's a Long, Long Trail" Mr. Brown with one verse and chorus by school "Route Marchin'" "Pretty Creature" Mr. Brown and School "Keep the Home Fires Burning" Mr. Brown and School "The Star Spangled Banner" Bantro Assembly Extras: "Friar's Song from Ivanhoe" "Rolling Down to Rio" "Danny Deever" Mr. Brown was accompanied by Mrs. Brown on the piano and also by the high school orchestra.

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FIND GERMAN WIRELESS IN NEW YORK

RAY SHORE, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Henry Schneider, a German Jeweler, has been interned at Ellis Island as an alien enemy. He was learned yesterday, and Henry Shore, a German groom, is under guard at his home here, where he is apparently ill with pneumonia. After refusal to appear in court, the German Jeweler was taken to the Federal House of Detention, where he was found with a wireless outfit with its government seal broken.

Schneider was shadowed by agents of the naval intelligence bureau, who found that he visited Hoyer frequently. When the barn was searched slips of paper with memoranda of movements of transports and troops are alleged to have been discovered. The wireless outfit was confiscated.

HERO OF LIEGE AGAIN ARRESTED BY GERMANS

GENEVA, Dec. 18.—General Leman, known as the hero of Liege for his defense of that city at the time the Germans were going through Belgium in the first month of the war, was expected to arrive in Switzerland yesterday. The German government finally having agreed to his internment in this country. New difficulties arose, however, and the general was arrested yesterday on the frontier at Constance. It is recalled that General Leman, although seriously ill, declined last year to accept a German offer of permission to come to Switzerland because it was made on the ground of his ill-health and age. The general said he did not wish to admit that he was unable to fight for his country.

WONDERS OF AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The wonders of a vast American training camp for aviators in central France are described enthusiastically in the Petit Parisien by Paul Giniesty, who has just visited the camp. With the exception of a few huts, he writes, all the material was brought from America. The work was begun in September under the direction of 250 men, experts in various branches and the driving power which they are putting into their tasks was evident on every hand. From this camp fully trained pilots will be sent to the front. French aviators are there to give the benefit of their experiences.

The arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of the American soldiers in all the camps are praised by M. Giniesty who also was greatly impressed by the highly developed administrative organization which has been perfected. He was especially struck by a chart at the aviation camp which records the progress of each pilot from the time of his first flight until he is performing acrobatic tricks in the air.

VILLA CHANGES HIS NAME TO GONZALEZ

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Francisco Villa has changed his name and is now operating under the name of Severino Gonzalez, according to accounts of federal prisoners who have reached Chihuahua City and made reports to the commander there. With Martin Lopez, Villa has been conducting a guerrilla campaign in Chihuahua under the name of Gonzalez and looted several small towns, held up a railroad train and killed a number of civilians.

MAN HELD FOR MURDER OF WOMAN AND BOY LARCENY OF \$1700

EASTHAMPTON, Dec. 20.—Antonio Szczepanski, wanted in Newburyport in connection with the murder of his wife's aunt and a boy of 3, and the dangerous wounding of a girl of 9, was arrested within five minutes of his arrival at his brother's home here early last night. Larceny of \$1700 is also alleged to have been committed by the prisoner.

IRISH "AMBASSADOR" ARRESTED AT HALIFAX AND BROUGHT TO NEW YORK FOR TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dr. Patrick McCarten, so-called "ambassador to the United States of the Irish Republic," was brought here yesterday from Halifax and will be arraigned in the United States district court on a charge of fraudulently obtaining a seaman's passport. McCarten came to the United States eight months ago and was associated with "General Liam Melowes, another Sinn Fein leader who was arrested as he was trying to leave the country."

9,000,000 POUNDS OF RAW SUGAR FROM LOUISIANA REACHED BOSTON TODAY

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—A cargo of 9,000,000 pounds of raw sugar from Louisiana, the first received this month, reached Boston today. Buyers said it probably would be the last of the Louisiana product to be sent here this season, but that Cuban sugar was expected to move northward within the next ten days and further relieve the shortage.

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SAY NOTHING BUT SAW WOOD

James J. Storow, federal fuel administrator for New England, has formulated plans for converting leisure hours into heat units by the organization of Cut-a-Cord clubs. It is hoped that the movement will extend through out the New England states. By this means the fuel administrator hopes to help keep New England warm during the coal shortage.

"There is a large supply of standing wood scattered generally throughout the New England states," the fuel administrator declares. "This may be drawn on during these critical times for fuel purposes."

One difficulty in the way of using wood for fuel has been the high cost of wood cutting, due to the shortage of labor. The Cut-a-Cord club movement was devised to relieve the fuel situation by the creation of labor out of the leisure hours of a large element of the population.

In initiating the movement the fuel administrator is careful to guard against indiscriminate slashing of the forests. It is the intention to make the woodchopping activity a benefit to the forest as a whole, by removing the poor species and the defective trees, in accordance with the teachings of modern forestry.

If the fuel administrator is successful in getting New England to swing axes, he will help toward restoring to this section some of its independence of a half century ago, when New England depended almost entirely upon wood for fuel. Not only was wood used for domestic purposes but the railroads depended upon it for their motive power. One of the chief winter industries of our farmers was to supply railroads with wood.

"Does it not seem absurd," the fuel administrator asks, "that coal should be brought all the way from the mines in Pennsylvania, to be burned in homes where wood is growing abundantly almost within a stone's throw of the hearth?"

"As a matter of fact," the fuel administrator says, "a cord of first quality dry hardwood when burned in the old-fashioned, air-tight, sheet iron stove will go further than a ton of hard coal for the simple reason that it is customary to keep the wood fire burn-

ing only when it is needed. A coal fire, however, is burned continuously, night and day, and a large amount of fuel is consumed unnecessarily. Probably no nation on earth ever consumed fuel so extravagantly as ours. In a house where perhaps two or three warm rooms are all that are required the entire house of seven or eight rooms has been kept at almost summer temperature day and night all winter long. Is it unreasonable to ask that, at least during these critical war times, we return to the more economical and also more healthful customs of our forefathers and use our native wood supply and use it sparingly as will be done by the person who chops every stick that is burned and hauls it to the woodshed?"

An important feature of the Cut-a-Cord club movement is the benefit to the health of those who take part in this vigorous outdoor exercise. Those who organize clubs will be instructed to see that their members who are unaccustomed to such work take it up gradually, but it is believed that chopping wood can be made into a most agreeable form of winter outing, in which women and children can take part especially in preparation of a hot outdoor lunch around the campfire.

An appeal is also made on account of patriotism, for no matter how little wood is cut there has been some saving in coal that is needed in helping to win the war.

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Rudolph Chandelaine, of 53 Fisher street, who was corresponding clerk for the Boston & Maine railroad, was left for Washington, D. C., where he is to be employed by the government as a traffic clerk.

Notices have been posted in the Merrimack and Massachusetts mills to the effect that the plants will shut down for the Christmas vacation Saturday noon until Wednesday morning. Other mills will work Monday.

Augustin Bisson, who conducts a store in Aiken street, left last night for St. Norbert, Athabaska, P. C., to attend the funeral of his brother, Pierre. The deceased conducted a business in Hall street, this city, for a number of years, but removed to Canada about three years ago.

A delightful entertainment was given at the Highland M. E. church last evening, under the auspices of the church. A feature of the program was the character sketches given by Miss Marion Wilson, a sketch artist

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of wide reputation. In addition, vocal and instrumental selections were given by Miss Bertha Chapman, Miss Anna Roth, Howard Large and Miss Grace Martin.

William P. Kivian of 273 Middlesex street, who enlisted in the aviation corps, and reported at Fort Scott, has been sent to a training camp in Texas, where he will undergo instructions preparatory to going "over there." Mr. Kivian was employed at the Heinze Electric company as an expert magnet repairer for six years, but severed connections with the local company when the call for volunteers in the aviation corps came. He has written to local friends and is very enthusiastic over his work.

A number of Lowell students of Boston college and their friends were among those present in Boston college hall last evening when Shakespeare's "Henry IV" was produced by the students of the college. The play was given two performances, one Tuesday evening and a second last evening. Last evening was "students' night" and the young men of the Newton institution were present in great numbers. Boston college closed its doors Tuesday for the annual Christmas vacation, and will re-open Jan. 7. It is believed that the extended vacation is due to the coal shortage.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

Thomas Corcoran appeared before Judge Enright in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with the larceny of two automobile tires valued at \$25 and a light tank worth \$10, the property of George C. Gendron. He entered a plea of not guilty and stated that he was ready for trial, but at the request of the government the case was continued for one week, the defendant being held under \$200 for his appearance at that time.

It is alleged by the police that Corcoran entered the garage where Mr. Gendron keeps his machine, near the

Kasino in Thorndike street yesterday, and after taking two tires, ripped off a Prest-o-lite tank and subsequently disposed of them. Another car located nearby was stripped of everything that could be sold without arousing suspicion and the reason for the government's request for continuance was to ascertain if Corcoran had been connected with the latter larceny.

His Case Continued

Daniel J. Farrell was arrested in Dutton street last night by Sergt. Petrie and Officer Cooney and sent to the police station where he was booked for drunkenness. Today he entered a plea of not guilty and said he was ready for trial. The government asked for a continuance until tomorrow morning, which was granted.

Assault and Battery

Bruno Ayotte entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging him with assault and battery on Eva Benson on Tuesday night. According to the story told the police by a young woman who appeared in court yesterday morning on a complaint of drunkenness, Ayotte and several other persons were in a house in Cabot street the night before last and that there was a merry drinking party going on. During the midst of the festivities Ayotte became obstreperous and assaulted the Benson girl and the latter was taken to a hospital suffering from two broken jaws. The woman who appeared in court yesterday morning also bore a discolored eye. Inasmuch as it will be a week or more before the Benson woman will be released from the hospital the government asked for a continuance for ten days. The request was granted and the defendant was held under \$1000 bonds for appearance at that time.

Louis A. Lapierre entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging him with drunkenness and by request of the police was held under \$200 for his appearance Monday morning.

RED CROSS MEMBERS

Continued

hind some of her sister municipalities and towns as far as actual figures go, Salem, Lynn and Lawrence are all ahead of the Spindle City. But the race is not yet over.

The next meeting will be held Friday evening in Memorial hall and will be of much the same nature as last evening's. Every worker is asked to be on hand and make his report even though he has but one new member to turn in.

Team Report to Date

Following is the team report to date:

Team 1—Capt. Spillane	297
Team 2—Capt. Fairburn	122
Team 3—Capt. O'Donoghue	132
Team 4—Capt. Carney	110
Team 5—Capt. Rannels	224
Team 6—Capt. Rannels	119
Team 7—Capt. Rawlinson	352
Team 8—Capt. Wentworth	121
Team 9—Capt. O'Donnell	13
Team 10—Capt. Fawcett	184
Team 11—Capt. Fisher (suburban)	No report.
Team 12—Capt. Williams (Boy Scouts)	86
Team 13—Capt. Mrs. Pickering	461
Team 14—Pawtucketville Boy Scouts	Boy
Team 15—Capt. Mrs. Favreau	...

Total for the day.....2337
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Total to date.....2997

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War Work Headquarters

A total of 250 members had been signed up at the war work headquarters for the Red Cross up until this noon. Subscriptions will be received at this agency until the end of the campaign.

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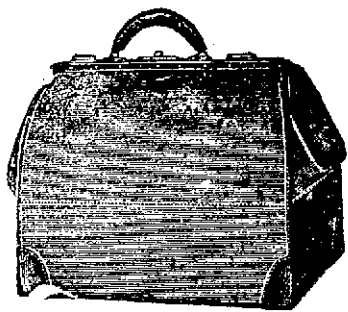
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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL
SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Fatherly Jack Donovan is "right there" with a Christmas letter, for closely following a post card on which was written his Christmas greetings to his Lowell friends came the following interesting letter, received yesterday. Corp. Donovan writes:

Dear Jim:
When we first came to this camp, the town that we all visited the most was deserted; that is, very few civilians remained during the invasion of the Germans. The few who did stay owned their homes and their little places of business and had no other place to go. Now the town is beginning to show signs of life once more, and it would surprise you to see those

our own Big Fr. William. The music was sung by a man with a rich, baritone voice. He filled the church. You know I can't tell much about good singers; that is, I can't tell the best from the near best, but I heard Jimmie Donnelly at home and this man had a voice just like Jimmie's. As he sang, my mind jumped from my prayers and came back to Lowell and Jimmie Donnelly, blacksmith, actor, and all round good fellow. Jimmie always sang at our police baseball banquets and he was at his best at the banquet in Chelsea.

I am still doing guard duty and our guard consists of 21 men. The commander of the guard is a master engineer named Norcross, a college graduate and a good man in his line. He had charge of about all the but, including, dining rooms, bath houses, kitchens and latrines. You would be amazed to hear all he has done and it would take me too long to write it out in detail. But just think, he had to get all of his material from the salvage heaps and have it dragged from place to place by the Hindus and then get it together to put in shape. He is from New York.

A very popular sergeant of the guard is Pat Monahan, of Lawrence, a builder of all kinds. Pat is a close second to Com. Norcross. Then comes Corp. Bickford, also of Lawrence, who saw service down on the Mexican border, a good-looking soldier and one who knows the commands from A to Z. He is also a good drill master and proved his worth at Rockingham. He signed up here as a yard master, and when we got back of our own lines, Yardmaster Bick, it will be Corp. John Spire of Somerville is another corporal who knows his number as a soldier and knows the commands. Both of these men have been a great help to me as I watched every move of them whenever I got a chance. Spire is one of the finest young fellows I ever met. I never saw him get mad, no matter what turned up and always a pleasant word whether going to bed at night or getting up in the morning, but I dare say he could handle himself all right if occasion required it. He came here without a word of French and now he speaks it fluently, and all by studying from the French books. We used to kid him a good deal about it and some of us would annoy him when he would be studying in the tent at night. We all were in the same tent. But it never phased him. On my relief is, first, Jim Younger of Rutland, Vt., and when Jim is on guard you can bet that after 9.30 which is "taps," the soldier, whether he be Capt. Pelletier or any other man who gets by Jim without hearing his well known voice: "Who goes there?" will be a corker. He won't be by. He's got to come across with his pass. Billy Mattison of Dorchester is some boy, a natural comedian but a good worker, not a lazy body in his body. Both he and Younger are down as brakemen. Charles Lafond of Lowell is another good guard on my relief. Max Kanny comes from Salem, Mass. He's a fireman from the Narrow Gauge Revere Beach and Lynn railroad. Max looks on me as an old friend since the time I did police duty on the Narrow Gauge. Dave Blakeman from South Acton is a big strapping fellow who is always on the job. Young Willie Alexander of Concord, N.H., is another one of our relief. He knows his number. I tried to get Jack Kennedy, our horseshoer, but Capt. Pelletier said he was too valuable a man in his line to let Capt. Post have him. Capt. Post of Company C, is officer of the day and has full charge of the guard. Jim Kennedy of Lowell was with me for a while but he was too valuable a man as a railroad despatcher to permit him to remain with the guard. We were all sorry to lose Jimmie as he was the life of the tent.

O'Malley Saw a Rat
Last, but not least, is Billy O'Malley, of South Boston, signed up as a brakeman. Bill was doing duty the other night on Post 2 and when I went to see him on my second round Bill said: "Say Corp, you ought to have been here a minute ago. I thought it was the dog that killed the 100 rats the other Sunday (I wrote you about the dog in another letter, Jim). He was sniffing so loud at my feet and when I looked there was the biggest rat I ever saw in my life. I sure thought it was that Alameda dog. Tommy called him when you asked what he was, 'in fact,' says Bill, 'he looks like a rat bigger than the dog.' Well, Jim, I guess I'll close. Remember me to all my friends and hope you got that picture of Jack Kennedy and myself.

Requiem For Soldier
P. S. Say, Jim, I got so interested in what I was writing about Commissioner Donnelly that I forgot to finish about the funeral mass that I attended. The mass was sung for a young French soldier of that place who had been killed at the front. The coffin as I supposed it to be was only the representation of one, for when I turned to look for the body there was no body. The service was conducted as if the body was there and a few little religious articles blessed. I would not have known the difference. I waited for the priest after the mass and he received me very kindly, though I couldn't understand his French and he did not speak English. I attempted to make him a little offering but he smilingly declined to accept anything from me. I was quite conspicuous in that church gathering as I was the only soldier present and also the only American, for every healthy French soldier is at the front. The man who sang the mass was a fine-looking man, but he walked very lame. I suppose that he was carrying a souvenir from this great war. So, Jim kindly fix up my mistake and blame it on Commissioner Donnelly.

Wind Blowing Hard
Also, excuse poor writing and ink daubs. I am writing this at night in the tent. It is pouring rain and the wind is blowing. You would think the tent was going down at any moment. My fountain pen is crying for the want of ink as you can tell by the ink stains and there's no ink handy while my last candle is burning out and ready to go down and out and the boys are yelling: "Have a heart, Corp. Donovan, get into bed so we can sleep. So, good night, Jim.

P. S. All the boys from Lowell are well and wish to be remembered to all their friends.

The picture referred to by Corporal Kennedy was snapped "over there" and appears herewith.

CHICAGO IRISH SOCIETY
SOLID FOR ALLIES

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A declaration upholding the Irish parliamentary party and charging that any Irishman or Irish organization seeking to embarrass any of the allied powers in the conduct of the war is committing an act of open hostility to the United States, was adopted last night by the Irish Fellowship club of Chicago, the largest Irish organization in Chicago. It was directed to John J. McDonald and announced the forwarding of \$10,000 as the first installment of a fund to be collected in America in support of the party.

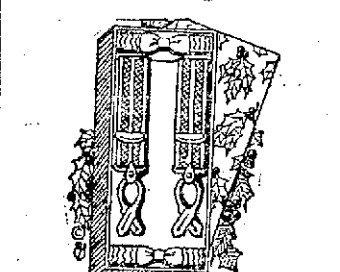
The declaration of principles will be submitted to all Irish organizations of the United States and is expected ultimately to be forwarded to Ireland as the concrete expression of support of the people of Irish blood in America of the war.



RIGHT—CORP. JACK DONOVAN
LEFT—PRIVATE JACK KENNEDY

French people take hold of a tough mess and put it in shape once more. There isn't a store empty. Every thing is about normal. You can hear the buzz and the whir of the machinery in the little factories, and where there were only a few women now you can see them in plenty, and always with a smile, especially for the Americans. Most of the people who are running the stores are dealing in, you might say, nothing but souvenirs of France, and I think if the war keeps up any length of time they will surely take away a tidy sum. But what we buy is very reasonable either as regards souvenirs or what we buy to eat.

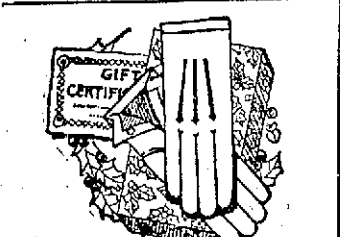
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"We have our plain duty and our clear conviction, which is to stand by men who are frankly on our side to give you both our financial and moral support to the end of your demands upon us."

The approval given the declaration was virtually unanimous.

There is not a single honest and genuine Irish-American who does not stand behind the president and the American government in its policy.

"The Irish people have now to choose between the enmity and the friendship of the United States, and loyal as we have always been to the

through the streets of Baltimore, April 19, 1861, when Sumner Needham, the first Lawrence man to lose his life in the war, was killed in the mob's attack.

Mr. Saunders served with the regiment three months and then re-enlisted in the 1st Massachusetts Heavy artillery. He was advanced to first lieutenant and later became acting adjutant. In 1863 his term of enlistment expired and he resumed the practice of law here.

He was a member of the common council in 1867, 1868, and 1869, and served as mayor in 1871. He also served as a member of the school committee 15 years.

Mr. Saunders was a 32nd degree Mason and a past commander of the Grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He had also filled the chairs of the local Masonic bodies, including Bethany commandery, K.T. He was a member of Needham Post 39, G.A.R., and the Loyal Legion.

He is survived by a son, George F. Saunders of this city, a daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Baldwin of Boston, and three grandchildren, one of the latter, Daniel Saunders, being a member of the local school board.

Indictments were also handed down by the grand jury for conspiracy to murder, manslaughter and conspiracy to prevent a free and fair election, against Isaac Deutsch, defeated candidate for the fifth ward leadership, late of Police David Bennett and five policemen. The murder charge is in connection with the killing of Policeman George A. Boppley.

Indictments against other political leaders and detectives employed by a private agency who are charged with bringing a squad of alleged New York gangsters here for election work, will also be considered by the jury today.

Seven members of a New York gang are under arrest here in connection with the case, and one of them, Jacob "Butch" Masala, is now on trial, accused of being the man who actually shot and killed the policeman. Masala claimed he fired at the policeman in self defense.

"A complete and up-to-date file of charts and publications relating to our grass and surveys will be available for inspection by those interested and the office will maintain a supply of charts and other publications of the survey for sale at catalogue prices."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Establishment at Boston about Jan. 1 of a sub-

office of the United States coast and geodetic survey, department of commerce, to keep more directly in touch with the interests of shipping in the waters of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, was announced today by Secretary Redfield.

Homers E. Ritter, a command officer of the survey, will be inspector in charge of the office and will be prepared to furnish information relating to the operations of that branch of the government service.

"It will be the endeavor of this sub-office," said Secretary Redfield's announcement, "to co-operate fully with steamship lines, yacht clubs, mariners and others to the extent that dangers discovered, changes in channels and various other kinds of information needed by the survey for keeping its nautical publications up to date shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible."

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PHILADELPHIA MAYOR
IS INDICTED

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Mayor Thomas B. Smith was yesterday indicted on charges of contempt of court and violation of the election laws in connection with the holding of the primary election in the fifth ward last September, when a policeman was shot and killed by alleged New York gunmen. Other charges, including one alleging malfeasance in office, will be considered today during the action of the jury assuring the trial of the mayor before a judge and jury.

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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

It seems that the real nature of the prohibition amendment to the United States constitution was not fully realized until congress had adopted it. The prohibition phase of the question alone, seemed to appeal to the advocates of the measure; but while it is pre-eminently right and desirable to prevent, so far as possible, the evils arising from the use or abuse of intoxicating liquors, there is the most grave doubt as to whether this end can be secured by constitutional amendment without causing a serious conflict of authority between the federal government and the individual states.

In the first place this method of encroaching upon the rights of the states by a centralized authority is undemocratic and a violation of the principle of home rule for which the democratic party has always strenuously contended. Yet strange to say, more democrats than republicans voted for this amendment in the national house, thereby showing tendencies to centralization that were formerly almost entirely confined to the republican party. But in this they did not represent sound democratic principles.

In order to adopt the prohibition amendment, it will be necessary to have the legislatures of three-fourths of the states ratify the measure. At the last national election the number of prohibition states was brought up to 23. It is assumed that these will favor the amendment, although it would be quite reasonable and logical for any such state to oppose the change on the ground that it is able to manage its own affairs and unwilling to relinquish any part of its sovereign rights.

But assuming that the amendment be ratified as provided for by congress, it may so happen that the population of the thirty-six ratifying states may be much less than that of the twelve states that opposed the amendment or that took no action in reference thereto. Thus the minority would rule the majority.

The more populous states such as New York, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania would be most likely to oppose prohibition in any form and particularly as an amendment to the constitution. But how could the law be enforced?

The resolution adopted by congress says:

"The congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

This makeshift for enforcement of the law, this joint stock 50-50 method is a contravention of the Tenth Amendment to the constitution, which says:

"The powers, not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited to it by the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

This is a far reaching amendment, a wise provision for the protection of popular rights and the rights of individual states against such inroads upon both as are proposed in this amendment. Moreover, these powers must be vested either in the federal government or in the states. They cannot coexist in both to be exercised simultaneously. If the prohibition amendment be adopted, then this Tenth Amendment would be modified and the sovereign powers of the states to that extent encroached upon and curtailed.

When other amendments to the constitution were proposed, it was provided that "congress shall have power to enforce the article by appropriate legislation."

That does not bring in the species of camouflage adopted in the present resolution of amendment which stands openly in conflict with a constitutional provision already in force and one which the states should not allow to be changed.

Suppose the amendment were adopted and the state of New York refused to co-operate with the federal government in enforcing the law, what then? The federal forces would have to mobilize in New York and proceed to enforce the law by all the various methods now used by state and municipal officers.

Would that proceeding not savor more of German imperial methods than those of the most democratic government on earth? But assuming that the sovereign state of New York repudiated the law and fought its enforcement? Then civil war in which the other opposing states might join New York might be the result.

These are no exaggerated views of the dangerous possibilities of this amendment. And what is said of the prohibition amendment in this respect may be said also of the suffrage amendment should it be adopted, although the latter would not be fought so stubbornly as the former.

Both are questions that should be left to the individual states to settle. Thus disposed of, they will be settled right and the law will be respected and enforced as it will not be if imposed upon unwilling states by usurped federal authority.

It is worthy of note that a powerful lobby pushed the resolution through congress and members wishing to shift the responsibility from their own shoulders voted for the resolution. In a similar way a lobby will work upon the state legislatures for ratification; but in no case is the question to be submitted in the good old democratic way to a referendum of the people.

TEETHLESS LAW USELESS

The Federal Trade Commission has broken up at Washington, and secretly departed in various directions to investigate speculation in fuel and foods. "Full publicity of the findings will be given," says the commission, "but every care will be exercised to make certain of wrong-doing before bringing to bear the force of public opinion."

"The force of public opinion!" Hah! The fellow mean enough to hoard until the folks are frozen or starved enough to pay exorbitant prices is beyond the reach of public opinion. The consumer who is being skinned by the profiteer doesn't care a continental about anybody's opinion but his own, and that is that, in order to save what skin he has left, government has got to jail the skinner's mighty quick. It is true, and regrettable, that Billy Colver's fine Trade Commission's only weapon is publicity—a mere squirt gun, as to range and trajectory force, in the case of the profiteers. The Trade Commission might as well realize now that a teethless law will never be obeyed.

OUR CITY'S GOOD NAME

The voice of the Catholic pastors of Lowell is added to that of the press and other local public bodies in defence of the good name of Lowell against the slanderous charges circulated throughout New England to the effect that since the soldiers began to come here, Lowell has become a centre of immorality.

This action of the pastors would have been taken sooner but for the fact that any such action on their part before the municipal election might have been regarded as an interference in politics. The testimony of the Catholic clergy as one body that the moral condition of our city—always excellent as compared with other cities—was never better than at the present time, cannot be gainsaid. In speaking thus for Lowell, the pastors also testify to the good name of our soldier visitors, all of which is due to Lowell and to the soldiers who have been equally maligned by irresponsible sensationalists.

AS TO MONUMENTS

The city government may well stay its hand a little in order that it may get a full list of the Lowell men who deserve monuments. What of Mr. Chadwick? If he is really dead, he has a prior claim and there are others; while in all probability there are many

to come. If the municipal council will hold off for a time, it may have an opportunity to build a great many monuments—and all this without the slightest reflection on the brave boy Rogers who lost his life in the sinking of the Jacob Jones.

Just at present the city has a few building projects on hand that are much more urgent than monuments unless the aim is to let public necessities wait until official whims and foibles are first disposed of.

SEEN AND HEARD

Little men in high places cast long shadows. Watches and rivers do not run long without winding.

A Fletcher street car is included in the things you don't often see. The condition of the streets and sidewalks might be worse, but we can't imagine it.

Love is not a virtue, but a necessity. A man smokes because he likes to. He drinks because he wants to. But he must never love a woman if he could possibly help it.

Some Gunner!

James W. McLellan of Prescott, Me., is back from a hunting trip with two buck deer and a big red fox. He killed the two deer with one shot, he says, and his reputation for truth is excellent. He says he fired at the fox just as the two bucks came out into the open and stopped. McLellan fired at the nearest deer. The bullet went through its head and through the heart of the second, both dropping dead. He has the fox and the two deer to prove his story.

Was Butch?

Urging the erection of more statues of great Americans in London, Prof. Sumner of Harvard said, "I would set up in London, so every Englishman may know the features and story of Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and many others. And did his London auditors shout: 'Earl! Earl!'—Boston Globe. Butch McDevitt, the last we heard—Houston Post.

Off With the Old Love

A photograph had taken a portrait of a young woman. After an examination she took a dozen of them. A few days later, the same young woman entered the photographer's studio with the dozen cabinet photos that had been made of her about a week before. "What?" exclaimed the photographer, "being them all back?" Why, I thought they were very successful. "O yes," she said, with a smile, "they are successful. I only want you to touch out the ring. I have a new young man."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Travelling Stones

The famous travelling stones of Australia are rivalled by round stones, from the size of a pea to 6 inches in diameter, found in Nevada. When distributed about upon the floor, table or other level surface, within 2 or 3 feet of each other, they immediately begin traveling toward a common center, and there lie huddled like a lot of eggs in a nest.

A single stone, removed to a distance of 35 feet, upon being released, at once started off with wonderful and somewhat comical celerity to join its fellows; taken away 4 or 5 feet, it resumed motionless. They are found in a region that is comparatively level, and is nothing but bare rock. Scattered over this barren region are little basins from a few feet to a rod or two in diameter, and it is in the bottom of these that the rolling stones are found. The cause of these stones rolling

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together is doubtless to be found in the material of which they are composed, which appears to be lodestone or magnetic iron ore.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Between Flight and Three

Two billy boys leaped off the street car before both ends had stopped, dashed down Lane road and over Avenue street, and in a perfect fever of excitement rang the "Wuckers" from doorbell. Middle-aged Wuckers, recognizing his ring, opened the door herself. She had, in fact, been standing with a "Middie!" he whispered tensely. "Wombles!" she breathed tensely back. Let us turn our heads as they kiss. Five minutes have elapsed and they are still at it. We shall simply have to look to avoid a crack in the neck. "Does my 'little Wombles' realize 'at it's gone and been 10 whole teeth-writhle of hours since and him and has saw each other?" she warbled. "Does my 'little Middie' realize 'at them bad, wicked 10 hours have seemed like 10 wicked bad years to her 'little Wombles'?" he gurgled. And then, by degrees (they stopped to kiss twice in the vestibule and four times in the front hall), they found their way to the parlor sofa and sat there for seven consecutive hours in the tropical darkness of an unlighted lamp. Detroit Free Press.

Waited Long For Them

Although several have preceded him as members of the family, the littlest boy has been a none the less important personage in the household. Parents, by older brothers, indulged by parents, he has remained the "baby" long after the title became pleasing to his ears.

If such a place has its privileges, it likewise has its drawbacks, especially in households where conservation was an economic necessity long before Hoover became a national figure. It happened that there was very nearly a complete outfit ready when the stork arrived, the same coming down from a brother. He fitted into it nicely. He fitted into many other things as he grew—all handed down by predecessors. By unusual good fortune, everything that had been outgrown or laid aside fitted him as he thrived.

When dad arrived home on a recent evening "the tribe," as he calls them, appeared to be in the midst of a ceremonial war dance. The "baby" had the place of honor as leader; the "big cheese," as one of them put it, "Why the flag raising?" dad in-

quired. "Gotta hand it to him at last," was older brother's reply, pointing to the youngest of the group. "Mamma was down town yesterday and she bought him some new clothes, the very first he's ever had!"

The Model Child

I am the only child that ever was reared exactly right. I go to bed at 8 p. m. and sleep till morning light. I'd run a mile to keep away from candy—horrid stuff! Unlike some boys, I cease to munch when I've had just enough. I crave the things I ought to have and hate the things I shouldn't. And when adjured to do a task I've never said I wouldn't. I'm guaranteed to bring no shame on any parent's head— I am the son Aunt Jane might have, if she had ever wed.

Politeness is the thing I love far more than games or toys. I never bother round the guests or make the slightest noise. I speak when I am spoken to—at other times I'm still. I've never yet snored any one nor ever, ever will. I lie in bed on Sunday morn till all the, and never let my parents know that sleep has left my eyes. I am the child about whose sins no one and seven ever shed. The child Aunt Jennie might have had, if she had ever wed. —Strickland Gillilan, in Farm Life.

BRITISH SHIP LOSSES SLIGHTLY REDUCED

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1600 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement last night. One fishing vessel also was sunk. The shipping losses by mine or submarine in the past week are slightly under those of the previous week, when 14 vessels of more than 1600 tons and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

France Lost One Small Vessel. PARIS, Dec. 20.—The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending Dec. 15 were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1000 tons was sunk and none over 1000 tons. One ship was attacked, but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

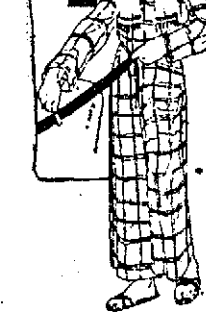
Italian Ship Loses. ROME, Dec. 17.—The weekly report of shipping losses shows that two sailing vessels of more than 100 tons and one of less than that size were sunk. One steamship was damaged by a mine, but reached port.

FORM LABOR EXCHANGES. HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 16.—Anticipating heavy labor demands by spring or earlier, the Connecticut council of defense is planning formation of labor exchanges throughout the state. They will act as a clearing house for the transfer of labor from "non-essential" to essential industries, including farms where, it is said, the labor shortage is likely to become a serious problem.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS DISMISSED FOR ALLEGED DISLOYAL VIEWS. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dismissal of Samuel Schmalhausen, A. Henry Schuler and Thomas Mufson, teachers in De Witt Clinton High School, recommended by the committee on high schools after finding them guilty of "holding views subversive of discipline and tending to undermine good citizenship in the schools," was ratified by the board of education yesterday. The teachers were accused of spreading disloyal propaganda in the classrooms.

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HEAVY GALE HITS QUEENSTOWN

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A northwest gale, accompanied by snow and extreme cold, swept Queenstown Saturday night, according to a Central News despatch from that Irish port which was delayed on account of wire trouble. Many persons were injured in the streets. St. Colman's cathedral was damaged and the police barracks and many houses were unroofed. Giant waves swept over the vessels in the harbor and for several hours they were cut off from communication with the shore.

APPEAL FOR GIFTS FOR HALIFAX CHILDREN

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—An American Santa Claus must provide Christmas toys for hundreds of blind and crippled children in hospitals here. The limited stock carried by local dealers has been exhausted. A committee of women to which was assigned the duty of bringing Christmas cheer to victims of the explosion and fire that laid bare the less populous section of Halifax, found today that unless shipments were received from the United States within the next few days, plans for filling the stockings of destitute children could not be carried out. The bulk of holiday trade before the disaster was in the purchase of gifts for Nova Scotia forces overseas. These had been mailed for delivery on the battlement next week, and Halifax, long afflicted by the horror of war, had planned for a quiet observance at home. Today, for the first time since the doors and windows of every store in the shopping districts were shattered,

the crowds in the street were able to see evidences that the holiday season was approaching. But the toy shops were empty, as the stocks on hand had been taken over by the women's committee and sent to general relief headquarters for distribution Monday night. The supply is inadequate and it is for this reason that Americans are asked to help immediately. Although diligent efforts have been made to obtain a full list of persons blinded by the explosion, it was announced at relief headquarters that no accurately approximate estimate was available. The number, however, may exceed 1000, including those who lost the sight of one or both eyes. Many of these are children and little gifts which they never will see are sadly needed to add to the measure pile of things about their hospital beds.

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LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 20.—Hon. John Burke, treasurer of the United States, spoke before the Maine state grange at city hall yesterday on the war and the relation of the United States to the world's supply of gold. He showed the vital necessity for all to do their part. Mr. Burke said that at the time the United States entered the war, the allied nations, with finances exhausted and man power depleted, were upon the verge of surrender.

"Had this happened," said he, "the terms of peace would have included the turning over to the Kaiser of the combined fleets of Great Britain, Italy and France. Then nothing could have saved the United States."

"Toward this big, defenseless country, containing one-third of all the world's supply of gold, anxious eyes would have turned from German Europe and in all that land across the Atlantic we would not have had a single friend. We would have been forced to surrender and Imperial Germany would have dominated the world."

"We cannot starve Germany," he said, "but we can thrash Germany and we are going to do it."

Yesterday the fifth degree was worked in full form by Androsocoggin Poma, and last evening the sixth degree was worked upon a large class by the state officers.

The following officers were elected: W. J. Thompson, South China, master; John B. Abbott, North Berwick, overseer; C. C. Purinton, Bowdoinham, lecturer; D. E. Foster, Augusta, steward; A. E. Morse, South Paris, chaplain; T. H. P. Crawford, Houlton, assistant steward; E. E. Addition Greene, treasurer; E. H. Libby, Auburn, secretary; S. K. Cushman, Steuben, book-keeper; Mrs. J. E. Abbott, North Berwick, ceter; Mrs. C. D. Purinton, Bowdoinham, poma; Mrs. W. J. Thompson, South China, flora; Mrs. J. H. P. Crawford, Houlton, lady assistant steward.

The only changes in the list of officers from last year were in the positions of steward and lady assistant steward.

LADIES' AND SOLDIERS' NIGHT AT Y. M. C. A.

Ladies and soldiers were the guests of honor at the Y.M.C.A. last evening, and both the fair sex and the uniform wearers were very much in evidence. The occasion was a combination ladies and soldiers' night.

The various attractions of the building were thrown wide open to the visitors and an excellent social and athletic program was carried out. General Secretary R. R. Gumb was in charge of the social end of the affair and, assisted by Edwin T. Shaw, he more than made things enjoyable. The principal feature of the evening was an address by Sergt. Roy C. Forrester, formerly of the Princess Pals. He told a simple, straightforward story of events "over there" as he had seen them, and when he had finished there was many a wet eye in the audience. In concluding he made an earnest appeal for men to help out the soldiers who are doing their bit in the trenches.

Other entertainment numbers included piano selections by Private M. J. Farrell of Camp Devens and singing

and whistling numbers by Sergt. Philip Goutier, also from the cantonment. Both are experienced entertainers, and the guests of the evening more than enjoyed their work. Five regulars from the ordnance department at Camp Devens also helped out both vocally and on the piano. They were Ordnance Sergeants L. G. Perkins, G. C. Stone and Clarence Porter and Sergeants E. E. Robie and Joseph E. Fanning. They were accompanied by George F. Harvey of the Y.M.C.A. building at Devens.

MAY GIVE SEVEN SONS TO THE COUNTRY

CROMWELL, Conn., Dec. 20.—The old-fashioned family of William Ewald at West Cromwell is likely to be disrupted by the war.

Mr. Ewald, who has a farm of 250 acres and a milk route of almost 300 customers, has depended upon his eight sons to help him with the work. But he will probably lose seven of them by the war, leaving only a boy of 13 on the farm.

Mr. Ewald has six sons between the ages of 21 and 30 years. Only one is married. A seventh son, Alfred, is 19 years old and has enlisted in the navy. Of the sons who are of draft age, Robert, 23, has been drafted and is at Camp Devens; Fred, 30, the oldest, has been drafted, but his father obtained a 3 months' exemption for him for farm work. The other boys who are in the draft are William T., 29; James, 27, and Anthony, 21. Of these James is married and has two small children. He may be exempted for that reason.

Mr. Ewald is a native of Cromwell, 59 years old, and loves his country. He says he supposes the boys will have to go, but he doesn't know how he will run things without them. All the boys wish to go to war.

There are 60 head of stock on the farm and it will be necessary to sell them and give up the milk route if all the boys are called.

MR. AND MRS. GARIEPY WILL CELEBRATE THEIR SILVER WEDDING DURING CHRISTMAS DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gariepy, two well known residents of Pelham, N. H., will celebrate their silver wedding on Christmas day at their home at Pelham's corner. At noon a dinner will be served to the children and relatives, while in the evening a reception for friends will be held. The following day, Dec. 26, a high mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. Patrick's church, Pelham.

Mr. and Mrs. Gariepy, the latter formerly Miss Amanda Leary, were married in St. Joseph's church, this city, Dec. 26, 1892, and shortly after their marriage they purchased a small farm at Gariepy's corner Pelham, N. H. Two years ago they purchased another large farm at Holman's corner and since that time they have been making their home there. Eleven children were born to them, eight of whom are living, namely: Willie, a member of the National army at Camp Devens; Eugene, Antonio, Omar, Arthur, Hilary, Beatrice and Fred.

Mr. Gariepy is a night foreman employed at the United States Cartridge Co. He is a member of the Pelham grange and is also connected with a number of fraternal and social organizations. The couple and their children are well known in the town of Pelham and they are held in the highest esteem by their many friends.

WOBURN HIGH SCHOOL BOY WAS CRUSHED TO DEATH BY BIG TRUCK

WOBURN, Dec. 20.—Samuel Adams, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Adams of 33 Orange street, Montvale, was crushed beneath the wheels of a large oil truck, near the high school building yesterday afternoon, and died within a short time at the home of Judge John G. Maguire, 113 Montvale avenue, where he was taken after the accident.

The boy, who was a freshman at the high school, was on his way home from school when he attempted to jump upon the truck, lost his footing in the soft snow and fell beneath the wheels. The driver of the truck, Patrick P. Kenney of 20 Wright street, Stoneham, said he knew nothing of the accident until he felt an unusual movement of the machine, stopped the car, found the injured boy and carried him into the house of Judge Maguire.

Medical Examiner William H. Keeler viewed the body. Kenney recognized in \$1000 for his appearance in court when desired.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Lowell Commandery, Knights of Malta, was held Tuesday night in Odd Fellows temple, Commander Fred K. Peller presiding. Considerable business was transacted during the evening after which Gen. Charles Welsh provided a concert program. Refreshments were served and cigars enjoyed. The concert was given by the Orpheus male quartet and every number was well received. The program consisted of quartet selections and solos, as follows: Baritone solo, "Any Old Port in a Storm," E. J. Love, tenor solo, "Because I Love You, Dear," Fred K. Potter; "Capt. King of the Sea," N. W. Matthews, Jr.; E. J. Love responded to the chorus. The members of the quartet are: Fred K. Potter, first tenor; Richard W. Potter, second tenor; Bertram Neld, baritone; N. W. Matthews, Jr., basso. Accompanist, Chas. Pierce.

The members of Club Cityzens met in regular session last night and considered plans for the installation of officers for the coming year to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3. The following committee is in charge of the arrangements: Maxime Lapham and Joseph P. Marchand, Alfred Ducharme, Larry Bonie and Arthur Perias. President Joseph Payette was in the chair and there was a large attendance of members. Two members were initiated and three applications were received.

The regular meeting of Court St. Antoine, Catholic Order of Foresters, was held last night in C.M.A. hall. Chief Ranger Onesime Tremblay presiding. Twenty new members were initiated during the meeting and ten applications for membership were received. Two officers of the court were elected and installed last night, they being Arila Lussier as orator and Jo-

seph Goyette as second conductor. The installing officer was the vice-chief ranger, Simeon Viger of Lawrence, and he also made interesting remarks on the good of the order. There was a large number of members present.

The regular meeting of B. F. Butler Relief corps, 75, was held in Memorial hall last evening, with the president, Mrs. Bessie Cummings, in the chair. Routine business was transacted and four new members were initiated. Plans were made for the observance of the golden jubilee of Post 42, which is to be held Jan. 18. A banquet and reception will then be tendered to the post. Fourteen new members for the Red Cross were taken among the members. At the installation of the officers recently elected, a buffet luncheon will be served. The meeting closed with the salute to the flag.

A class initiation was held by Industrial council, Royal Arcanum, last evening in the rooms of Odd Fellows building. The initiation was conducted by Grand Knight Frederick A. Goodwin and staff of Dorchester. During the evening a musical and literary program was carried out and refreshments served.

BLIND MAN ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN BOSTON YESTERDAY

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Rev. Henry J. Westing, S. J., a former Bostonian, was yesterday ordained to the priesthood at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Harrison avenue. It was the first time in the history of the Catholic church that a blind man was

ordained. While a Jesuit novitiate he lost his sight in an explosion at Canisius college, Buffalo, in 1910. Cardinal O'Connell officiated at the ordination. After the ceremony the newly ordained priest gave his first blessing in the sacristy to his aged mother, then to his three brothers and sisters, and to a large number of friends. The family of the priest live on Hawthorne street, Roxbury.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EXTENDS CALL TO RHODE ISLAND PASTOR

The members of the First Presbyterian church held a meeting last evening for the purpose of electing a pastor to succeed Rev. J. M. Craig, and it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. Joseph E. Kennedy of the Longdale R. L. Presbyterian church. Rev. Kennedy is 38 years of age and a graduate of the Princeton university.

and the Presbyterian Theological college of that university. He has been pastor of the Longdale church for the past three years. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Richard R. Lange, pastor of the German Presbyterian church of Lawrence and the moderator appointed by the presbytery of New York.

SCOUTMASTER CHARLES GARMON ELECTED DEPUTY SCOUT COMMISSIONER

Scoutmaster Charles Garmon of Troop 10 of the Boy Scouts was last night elected deputy scout commissioner for district 1, which includes six downtown troops. The election took place at a meeting of the scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters of the district held at the southheadquarters in Shattuck street. Commissioner Luther W. Faulkner presided. Deputy Garmon has had abundant experience in scout work and will be well able to fill his new office.

The local scouts are working out a new plan of districting the council into 10 divisions or districts in order that the work may proceed with the utmost efficiency. This resulted in Deputy Garmon's election last evening.

PRIZE WINNERS IN RAFFLE UNDER AUSPICES OF LOWELL LODGE OF ELKS

The Lowell lodge of Elks held a Christmas charity raffle last evening to amplify the funds of the Christmas work of the lodge and a substantial amount was secured from the affair. An Elk's tooth was the first prize and L. Kinsella proved the winner. An Elk's button was won by Frank Goodale, and J. J. Boland and Charles Hubbard each won a pair of shoes. Among the other prize winners were Frank Ricard, Frank Gunther, Commissioners Donnelly and Morse, former-Commissioner Eutaw, H. G. Smith, Dr. Lamson, J. Doyle, Clark, Ferdie Harkins or the Lowell polo team, Martin Conway and Mr. Sixt.

EVA TANGUAY GETS DIVORCE
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Eva Tanguay obtained a divorce yesterday from John K. Ford, after the actress had given her testimony before Judge David M. Brothers. Ford was her dancing partner, and the actress swore that after their marriage his habits were so irregular that he would remain away for days at a time. They were married at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1913.

UNION OF CHURCHES

The First Congregational, the First Trinitarian and the Kirk Street Congregational churches were represented at a meeting held last evening in the First Congregational church for the purpose of discussing plans for the proposed union of the churches during the winter months. The meeting was presided over by Arthur Bartlett of the First Congregational church and, although the matter was discussed at length, no action was taken and a subcommittee was appointed to look further into the matter.

Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you can find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 185D Marceline avenue, Mansquam, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.



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Boil one can Karo (Golden Brown in the Blue Can) thirty minutes.

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CARD. GIBBONS GIVES SANCTION

To Catholic Miners to Work on Holy Days Falling Within Holiday Season

Further Proposes That Saloons Might Co-operate by Closing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Gibbons gave his sanction today to Roman Catholic miners working on the holy days falling within the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

In a letter to Fuel Administrator Gardfield he approved of a suggestion that miners take only Christmas day and New Year's day off and further proposed that saloons might co-operate by closing from 9 o'clock in the evening until 8 o'clock the following morning.

"This," the cardinal wrote, "surely would not work any hardship upon the miners; on the contrary it would benefit them and give them more time to spend with their families, while at the same time contribute to their greater efficiency."

"These are days of sacrifice, and I feel confident that our men in the coal fields will not be less generous of their best efforts than others in the country. Up to the present they have done splendidly and I have no reason to believe they would slough down in the least in their part of national service."

DEATHS

FARWELL—Walter H. Farwell, a Civil war veteran and a member of James A. Garfield Post 120, G.A.R., died yesterday at the Soldiers home in Chelsea. He was aged 73 years and 8 months. The body will be brought to

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this city for burial by Undertaker George W. Healey.

FARWELL—Died Dec. 19, in Chelsea, Mass., Walter H. Farwell, aged 73 years and 8 months, at the Soldiers home. He was a member of James A. Garfield Post, No. 120, G.A.R. Mr. Farwell is survived by one brother, George F. Hayes of this city.

FUNERALS

CZABAN—The funeral of Andrew

Czaban took place this afternoon from the funeral parlors of Undertakers Amodeo Archambault & Sons in Merrimack street. Service was held at 2 o'clock in St. Casimir's church and burial was in St. Casimir's cemetery, Peabody, N. H.

CHAPMAN—The funeral services of Abbie R. Chapman were held at her home, 7 Putnam avenue, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Arthur R. Beale conducted the services. The bearers were Jesse W. Arthur, Walter and Herbert Chapman. Burial was in the family lot

in the Edison cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Beale. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

DUCHESSNE—The funeral of Mrs. Hippolyte Duchesne took place this morning from his home, 583 Moody st. At 9 o'clock a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Jean Baptiste church by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., as deacon, and Rev. Armand Baron, O.M.I., as sub-deacon. The bear-



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Cotton Petticoats 98c and \$1.98
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Raincoats \$5.98, \$7.98 and \$10.00
Serge Dresses \$1.98
Embroidered Japanese Kimonos \$1.98
Raccoon Coats \$150 to \$250
Natural Muskrat Coats \$75 to \$125
Leopard Coats \$85.00
Natural Gray Squirrel Coats \$175.00

Children's Rain Capes \$2.50
Children's Sweaters \$1.98 and \$2.98
Children's Dresses 69c and 98c
Children's Fur Sets 98c, \$1.98 and \$2.98
Silk Petticoats \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$5.00
Blanket Bath Robes \$3.98 and \$5.00
Women's Sweaters \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$5.00
Silk Quilted Vests \$1.25 and \$2.50
Kimonos \$1.50 and \$1.98
House Dresses 98c, \$1.50 and \$1.98

OUR WAISTS

ARE ALWAYS MOST ACCEPTABLE GIFTS

Our Christmas business on Waists is big owing to the values we are showing in Waists for the holiday shopping. Our new Waist Dept. is an unqualified success and all customers tell us that our styles and values are far ahead of the others.

WAISTS FOR 98c—A big assortment of cotton Waists, in white, black and colors, also grey flannel, semi-tailored and lace trimmed. Tailored Poplin Waists in white and black. All sizes.

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WAISTS FOR \$2.98—Georgette and Crepe de Chine Waists, in pretty styles for Xmas, in white and flesh. All fresh and brand new.

SATIN STRIPED WAISTS FOR \$2.98—See these pretty new stripes that just arrived. High neck and sailor collars. Sizes up to 16.

WAISTS FOR \$3.98 and \$5.00—An unsurpassable assortment of Silk and Georgette Waists, in white, flesh and the dark shades. We cannot duplicate these waists for less than \$7.50, so take advantage of this opportunity.

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While we're not "Watch makers," as the old time sellers were called, still we know watch values. We have sought out the best from several worthy manufacturers and can guarantee the following—and our guarantee means absolute satisfaction.

Bracelet Watches, with 10-year gold case, warranted movement and sturdy bracelet \$10.00 Each

Sterling Silver Watches, with pig skin, mocha and seal straps, only \$9.75

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14k Gold Watch Bracelets, with lever movements, warranted, special value, only \$18.00

Gold Filled Bracelets with engraved and plain octagon watch cases, seven jeweled movement, \$15, \$16.50, \$18.50 and \$21.00

Gold Filled Bracelet Watches, warranted 20-year cases and 15 jeweled movement, \$16.50 to \$24.00

West Section, Right Aisle

ers were Philippe and Arthur Duchesne, Edmond Cormier, Antonio and William Bourgeois and Louis Laroche. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Augustin Gratton, O.M.I. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

KELLY—The funeral of James T. Kelly took place this morning from his late home, 35 Varney street at 9 o'clock and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church where a solemn high mass of requiem was sung at 10 o'clock by Rev. Joseph Curran, celebrant. Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., deacon; Rev. James J. McDermott, O.M.I., sub-deacon. Seated in the sanctuary were Rev. Mr. William O'Brien, Rev. T. Franklin Wood, O.M.I., and Rev. Fr. Gilbride, pastor of St. Mary's church, Collinsville. Among those from out-of-town in attendance at the funeral were Misses Julia and Bessie Leary, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. John Davey of Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. George of Ballardvale, Mass. The following delegation from the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church were: Thomas Mahoney, Daniel Redding, Patrick Regan and Timothy Rohan. There were many beautiful floral tributes and spiritual benedictions. The bearers were John J. Mahoney, Joseph Jennings, Henry J. Gilday, John Dacey of Lawrence, Daniel McCarthy and James Geagon of Ballardvale. The ushers at the house were Albert H. Sparks and James Quinn. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. Joseph Curran, assisted by Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., and Rev. James J. McDermott, O.M.I., read the committal prayers. Undertaker Peter H. Savago had charge of funeral arrangements.

FUNERAL NOTICES

FARWELL—Died, Dec. 19, in Chelsea, Mass., Walter H. Farwell, aged 73 years and 8 months, at the Soldiers home. Funeral services will be held at the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, 72 Beach street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice.

KENNEY—The funeral of John H. Kenney will take place Friday morning from his home, 13 Lenox street at 8 o'clock. At the Sacred Heart church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge.

SOULE—Died in this city, Dec. 19, 1917, at St. John's hospital, Mr. William O. Soule, aged 72 years, 1 month and 29 days. Funeral services will be held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Scott, 229 Appleton street, on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

THE DAY'S NEWS AT CITY HALL

Fire Chief Saunders at Mayor O'Donnell's request has made a thorough inspection of the fire fighting apparatus at the Chelmsford street hospital and as a result of his investigation the chief has recommended the purchase of the following: "One extinguisher for the first floor of the men's hospital, one extinguisher for the second floor of the men's hospital, two extinguishers for the collar of the men's hospital, three extinguishers for the women's pauper department, three extinguishers

for the women's infirmary, one extinguisher for the institution kitchen, one extinguisher for the barn, 13 extinguishers and two 50-foot lengths of cotton hose, 8 shut-off nozzles, two spanners and one hydrant wrench. The mayor immediately issued an order for the purchase of the above mentioned articles.

Now Is the Time
December 27 will be the last day of the year for the filing of bills with the municipal council if one expects to receive his money this year, for the council will meet on the 25th for a final approval of the 1917 bills.

Notice to Delinquents
City Treasurer Bourke has a corps of clerks at work preparing the demands for the unpaid real, personal and poll taxes for the year 1918 and the demands will be put in the mail by the first of the year. Fourteen days after the sending of the demands the city treasurer will get busy in collecting the bills and nothing will be spared to gather in the city treasury all moneys owed for taxes. Mr. Bourke stated this morning that the amount of unpaid taxes is much smaller than that of last year at the same time.

Record Payroll
The payroll for the week at city hall amounts to \$23,751.88, the largest this year. There has been no increase in pay recently as far as could be learned, but nevertheless the payroll has made a big jump. The water department is running full force, although in previous years at this period of the year a number of employees of the department were dropped from the payroll because of the fact that there was no construction work going on. Commissioner Brown stated this morning that his men are still working on the Rogers street extension, while the department is kept busy repairing leaks and other damages caused by the cold spell.

First Street Boulevard
The engineers of the city have staked off a part of the proposed First street highway for filling purposes during the winter months, but they were forced to stop work temporarily on account of the recent snow storm. As soon as conditions will warrant it the work will be resumed.

Keeping Their Jobs
As a result of the young men and young women of the city holding onto their jobs in the local mills, the attendance officers are enjoying a little rest. When a young man or young woman shifts from one job to another it is necessary for them to secure a transfer card at the office of the attendance officers at city hall. Mr. Thornton, chief attendance officer, stated this morning that a comparison of this month with December, 1916, shows a decrease in the issuance of cards of about 50 per cent.

Halifax Relief Fund
A cheque for the amount of \$6, collected in small amounts from the people of the Cornhill Street P. M. church for the Massachusetts Halifax relief fund was received this morning by Mayor O'Donnell from Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor.



ARTHUR J. BRUNELLE WITH RICHARDS' CLOTHES SHOP IN CENTRAL STREET

Arthur J. Brunelle, nephew of Dr. Pierre Brunelle, has joined the forces of the Richards Clothes Shop, Lowell's latest clothing store, and will be pleased to meet his many friends at the Central street store. Mr. Brunelle has had a lot of experience in the clothing business, having been em-



played for some time past at the Merrimack Clothing Co. Mr. Brunelle is well known among the younger element of the city and is a member of a number of social organizations. He assumed his new duties at the Richards shop this week and will be glad to meet his friends during the Christmas holidays. Manager James P. Sheehan is fortunate in securing such a capable assistant.

UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER SCHOOL TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO COMPLETE WORK

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20.—To enable students in engineering and chemistry to complete their work as soon as possible, in order that their services may be had by the government, Brown university will run an undergraduate summer school for 12 weeks during the vacation period next summer. President Fausch announced today.

Although built early in the Christian era without mortar, a stone church in Ireland still is in excellent condition.

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THE SPELLBINDER

At this writing Mayor-elect Thompson had not named his private secretary but has his inaugural address under consideration. As he does not take office until Jan. 7th, he has an additional week in which to prepare for the duties of the office. The mayor-elect was an interested observer of the proceedings of last Tuesday's meeting of the municipal council, and after the meeting he called upon Mayor O'Donnell and talked on municipal matters in direct contrast to conditions of one year ago, nothing is heard concerning changes in the heads of departments, etc. One year ago a multitude of candidates for the different offices under the control of the municipal council were in evidence, and the members were besieged by them. There is no talk of any proposed changes at the present time.

The Boston Election

While there were plenty who would wager on Curley or on Gallivan in the Boston mayoralty contest, when one stops to consider the situation from a disinterested viewpoint, he can see at a glance why it was a foregone conclusion that Peters would win. Peters had the republican vote to begin with. There are about 47,000 republicans in Boston, of whom some 22,000 go to the polls on election day. Then he had the endorsement of the Good Government association, which is composed of democrats and republicans, and he had his own democratic district of Dorchester. On the other hand, Fague had the support of East Boston and Charlestown, a strongly democratic district, which drew votes away from Curley. The district remained with Fague until the last moment, and then shifted to Peters. Gallivan had the entire democratic district of South Boston, which meant so many more democratic votes away from Curley. At the last moment Levesque came out for Peters and that took the democratic West End away from Curley. Thus Curley was left with the city center, and he had a strong machine undoubtedly, but no numbers enough to carry the city against such odds. On election day the sentiment in Boston was evenly divided between Gallivan and Peters, and after the results were known the wisecracks claimed that Gallivan would have beaten either Peters or Curley in a single night, and predicted that he will be the next mayor after Peters. It was anything to defeat Curley, and Peters with the republican backing and the Good Government association behind him from the start was the most likely looking candidate to do it and he did it with the assistance of the disgruntled ones. And Peters, like the others, is a dyed-in-the-wool democrat.

The Canadian Results

The French-Americans of Lowell took much interest in the recent Canadian elections and were much disappointed when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was defeated. While defeated for the position of premier, Sir Wilfrid was given a seat in parliament from Quebec. His defeat was not aimed at him personally for the election was a question of policy not men, and his defeat was the paramount issue. The liberals whom Sir Wilfrid represented were opposed to conscription, although Laurier of people, if elected, and agreed to abide by their decision. It is now to be expected that the government will put forth a selective draft law after the fashion of that in vogue in this country, and the indications are that there are some lively times ahead in the provinces. It is said that in the event of the success of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Henri Lavigne, at present mayor

of the City of Quebec, and well known in Lowell, would have been minister of the Province of Quebec. However, the defeat of Laurier's party does not insure Mayor Lavigne's political future in Quebec, where he is one of the popular idols.

A Word for the Dependents

If a soldier's dependent owes you money and when you ask for a settlement replies that he or she is waiting for money from the government that is long overdue, that dependent is undoubtedly telling you the absolute truth. For the government, both federal and state, is slow in getting money to dependents, and many of them are suffering as a result, though apparently it can't be helped. A woman called on city hall a few days ago in most disturbed frame of mind. Her husband who is in France, had signed over \$13 per month out of his pay for her aid but since June she has not received any of it, and she is worrying lest the concern holding the mortgage on her home shall foreclose it. Many similar cases have become known at city hall, where the dependents flock seeking assistance. Many dependents report that they have not received the \$10 per month state pay to which they are entitled. Complaint made to the state treasurer's office elicited the information that the money would be forwarded as soon as possible. If dependents are slow with their creditors, in a majority of cases it is because the government is slow in reimbursing them.

Memorial for Soldiers Dead

While it is eminently proper that the city should install some suitable memorial to the soldiers and sailors who have lost their lives in the service of this country during the present war, the proposition is such as to warrant serious thought before taking final action. It has been suggested that instead of erecting a monument in Vermont park to one brave lad who gave up his life, a memorial tablet be placed in the city hall of sufficient size to permit the names of all who died in the service during the great conflict which is only just beginning, as far as this country is concerned. It is true that Lowell commemorates the memory of Ladd and Whitney by a monument in front of city hall, but these men had the glorious distinction of being the first Union soldiers, not only of Lowell but of the country to fall in the conflict of '61. Young Joe Harding, who was killed at Enfield while on guard duty with the Sixth, was the first Lowell boy to lose his life in the service, for, although not engaged with the enemy, he was in the service of his country, nevertheless. Then there was the Lowell sailor who was killed at Hingham, Michaelis, Chadwick and George Rogers, all of whom gave up their lives, each in his own branch of the service, though but two, Chadwick and Rogers, were actually in conflict with the enemy at the time. There may be others for aught we know, whose losses have not been reported. Erecting a monument to the memory of one soldier at this time might lead to serious and unpleasant complications later, and while the idea may have been well intentioned, it is not practicable and some other form of memorial that will include all would seem to be the proper way to honor the deceased brave of Lowell.

Take in the Tattered Flags

Have you noticed some of the flags that are flying in the winter breezes? The Kaiser would smile if he could see them, for they would indicate to him that this great country had become so impoverished that it can't afford a clean and entire flag. Some flags have been flying for months without ever being taken in and as a result they are soiled and in tatters, but still they are

kept on their staffs. Let's have a new supply of flags or none at all. Some of those now flying in this city are a disgrace to the city and this is no advertisement for the dealers in flags.

Donovan's Christmas Greetings

Corp. Jack Donovan of the Railway Engineers has sent his Christmas greetings to his Lowell friends on a postcard addressed to The Spellbinder. The card shows a picture of a beautiful monument erected to the memory of Jules Verne, author of "Around the World in 80 Days," "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," and other stories so dear to the boyish heart. The name of the place at which the statue is located has been carefully removed by the censor. The monument is a huge shaft of white marble surmounted by a bust of the author, while at the base in the foreground are the carved, life-sized figures of two boys and a girl, intently engrossed with story-books, reeling in characteristic manner from the postcards sent here by Corp. Donovan. It is quite evident that he is improving his leisure time by visiting all points of interest within reaching distance of his base.

THE SPELLBINDER

MEN WHO FAIL TO REGISTER

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 19.—A vigilant outlook should be maintained by every person in Massachusetts, declared Governor McCall today, for men who have not registered for the draft. His statement was made in connection with a proposition that has circulated regarding the status of men who have failed to register for service under the Selective Service Act. The impression has been noised about that these men will be placed at the end of the lists and will not be drawn into last.

The governor said that there are now in this state undoubtedly quite a large number of men of draft age who did not register and are trying to evade the draft. As each man is located and registered—if not sent to prison for one year—his card is sent to the director of military enrollment, Mr. Gettemy. If more than two cards are forwarded from the same district at the same time the director has a supplementary drawing and assigns to the first card drawn the serial number first remaining open on the list of the board, and the second card the second number until each card has its serial number. These cards with their serial numbers are then returned to the local board, which applies the master list and finds the order number of the registrant. If the number assigned by Mr. Gettemy proves to be one of those near the top of the list, the registrant is placed on the order list in the place in which he originally would have been placed had he registered at the proper time.

Under the new system, when the final classification is finished, every registrant will be furnished with a certificate of final classification which he will be required to produce upon demand of the proper authorities. This certificate will finally fix every man's status and will be issued in the form of a pocket size. A glance at this card will at once show, as time progresses, whether a man is out of camp properly and will serve the double duty of proving registration and compliance with the Selective Service law.

ROYT.

DANCING PARTY BY JAZZ CLUB BIG SUCCESS—POPULARITY CONTINUES

The dancing party conducted last evening at Associate hall by the Jazz club was one of the most successful events of its kind for a long time. The affair was attended by over 1500 people, and all present spent a most enjoyable evening. The Jazz club orchestra supplied music and general dancing was enjoyed until a seasonable hour. The officers in charge were John Payne, president; Timothy Latham, treasurer, and Thomas Clark, secretary.

The result of the popularity contest between the local girls' clubs was announced as follows: First prize, Emily Girls, \$50; votes, 14,173. Second prize, Milvia Girls, \$25; votes, 13,731. Third prize, Paragon Girls, \$15; votes, 7,184. Fourth prize, North End Girls, \$10; votes, 6,527. The raffia for the Liberty bond was won by D. Marlowe of Medford, and in addition to these prizes, every girl selling 25 tickets received a manicure set. Thirty sets were passed out in this manner.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Notes—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

R. F. KENNETH'S THEATRE

There's much real deal in the performance of Tom Brown's Musical Highlanders, who are at the R. F. Kenneth theatre, this week. The septet of instrumentalists and singers, clad in the gayest of kilts, has been sent with a despatch which is delightful to see. Eddie Dowling, the international comedian, is scoring a tremendous hit with his vaudeville act. Dowling is like no other comedian on the stage and he is young and has that quality of irresistible pep. "Cranberries," which is also on the bill, is entertaining and is completely played. Angell, Aidwell and Fuller have a rare skit in which a Grand Army man appears, which is nothing if not original. The Tremells give circus stunts, and the Whites are the high jacks. This week's enormous picture feature is "The Cinderella Man," with Mae Marsh playing the principal role. The Hearst picture is a feature of intense interest, showing stricken Halifax. Thine 28.

OPERA HOUSE

If there were nothing else of merit in the presentation of "Playthings" which is being produced this week by the New Emerson Players at the Opera House, than the great merit is that it tells, it would commend itself to all persons, more particularly to mothers and daughters. The piece discusses in a bold but clever way, the question of forty-four features against the evils of modern life and thus protect them from the numerous pitfalls and dangers that lurk on every side. In his treatment of the subject the author has displayed wonderful tact and judgment. He brings the topic up strongly, but in a most inoffensive and smooth manner and leaves it at a point that leaves no conviction with it. One can't help learning real truths that are worthy of consideration after seeing this offering. In it Miss Rex and Mr. Dembridge who portray the leading roles are appearing in congenial parts and their work is most commendable. The dramatic phases are handled remarkably well, with the features of the piece are taken by the supporting cast in a manner that again reflects the general superior ability of the entire company. It is a pity the piece, Director Carroll, has added materially to the success of the production. It would be well to order seats for the remaining perfor-

formances immediately. Don't wait until the last minute. It's dangerous to miss this offering. Next week the great musical comedy, "The Man Who Owns Broadway," with the entire company, augmented by local and out-of-town musical talent, will be the big attraction. Don't miss seeing it. The first performance Monday afternoon.

THE STRAND

The famous Pembroke estate on Long Island will be seen in "The Outsider," a Metro wonderplay adapted from Louis Joseph Vance's novel, "Nobody," starring exquisite Emmy Wehlen, which is to be shown at The Strand during the last three days of the week, commencing with matinee today. "The Outsider" required a magnificent residence with sumptuous surroundings and this famous estate was selected as being absolutely in keeping with the beautiful background of the Vance story. Capt. De Lamar, the owner of the estate, imported from Belgium some of the odd and remarkable plants and trees that now adorn his grounds. Herbert Hayes, well known locally for his association with a local stock company last year, portrays the opposite role to Miss Wehlen and is said to be particularly convincing in the part. Hayes is now a well known motion picture star, having supported Theda Bara in many of her biggest successes. Lowell people will undoubtedly be interested in the appearance of Mr. Hayes in this offering. "A Branded Soul," with Gladys Rockwell in the leading role, will also be shown, and this, too, should prove attractive to the lovers of superior photoplays. The Mack-Sennett Keystone

comedy, the Travelogue and the new Strand Revue will add to the pleasures of the program. The musical features, including Miss Greene, soprano, are also contributing factors in the success of the bill.

CHARGED WITH PLOT TO DESTROY SHIP YARDS

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 20.—Charged with planning the destruction of shipyard property, George Berger, an alleged German propagandist, and said to be identified with the Industrial Workers of the World was arrested at the Chester shipbuilding plant yesterday and held for a hearing today. Letters found on the prisoner, according to the police, contained the statement that he "could do great damage to the shipyards here with proper materials."

MASS OF REQUIEM

A second mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of the late George F. H. Rogers, the Lowell seaman lost on the Jacob Jones, was celebrated yesterday morning at the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. A previous mass had been celebrated at St. Michael's church on Monday morning. Rev. Jas. T. McDermott, O.M.I., was the celebrant of yesterday's mass. Rev. T. Franklin Wood, O.M.I., was deacon and Rev. William F. Mullan, O.M.I., sub-deacon. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the deceased. Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., spoke eul-

ogistically of the young man, who had been a member of the Sacred Heart parish for many years and a graduate of the Sacred Heart school.

MASS MAN ON CASUALTY LIST
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20.—The Canadian over-seas casualty list issued last night includes the name of Lieut. R. H. Sawler of Townsend, Mass., who is reported dead through German sources.

COPIES OF INFANTRY DRILL REGULATIONS PRESENTED TO HARVARD RESERVE OFFICERS
CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 20.—Leather bound copies of the infantry drill regulations were presented to each of the 1100 members of the Harvard university reserve officers' training corps today. They were given by the Harvard Illustrated Magazine.

Mrs. H. G. Anderson of Juneau, Alaska, averaged \$17.70 a day picking berries last summer.

PRESENTED GAS LAMP
Rev. Francis L. Shea of St. Peter's parish was recently presented a valuable gas lamp by the members of the Children of Mary sodality of the parish as a token of their appreciation for the services which he has rendered the society since becoming its spiritual director. Fr. Shea succeeded Rev. W. George Mullin in this capacity when the latter left St. Peter's to assume the pastorate of the Church of the Sacred Heart parish at Manchester-by-the-Sea.

GIVE WAR SAVINGS STAMPS TO EMPLOYEES IN PLACE OF TURKEYS
BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Many large industrial and commercial concerns in this state which have been in the habit of distributing turkeys to their employees on Christmas day have substituted government war savings stamps this year. Others have given employees thrift cards started with 25-cent stamps. Stamps to the value of nearly half a million dollars have been bought in this state.

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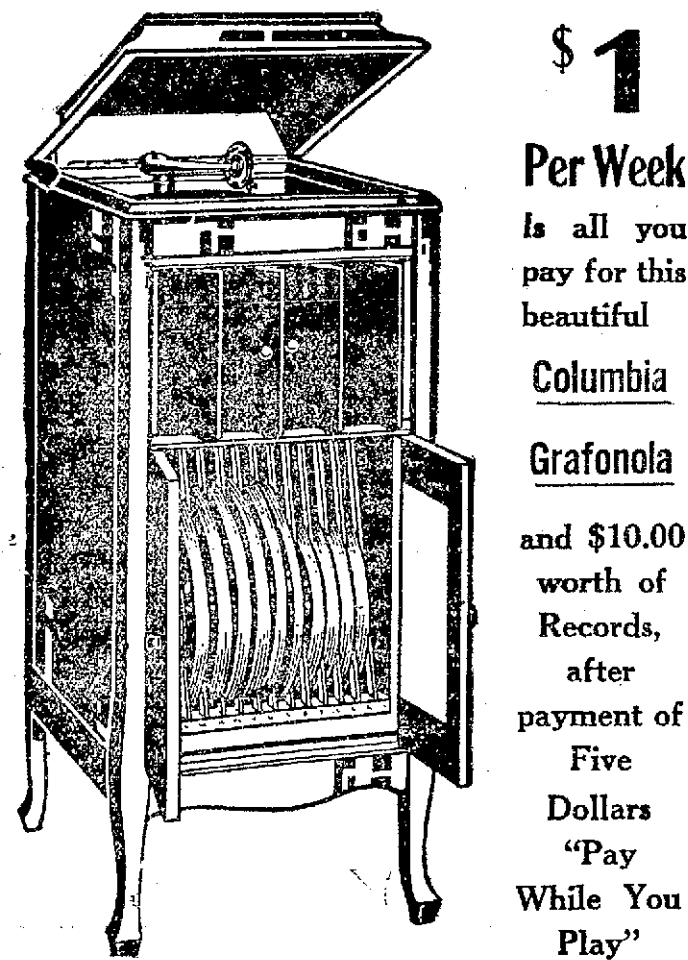
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STATE OF SIEGE IN PETROGRAD

A state of siege has been proclaimed in Petrograd and the Ukrainian Rada has refused to obey an ultimatum presented by the Bolshevik government. Disorders had occurred in the capital due, it is said, to the looting of wine cellars and shops.

Relations between the Ukraine and the Bolshevik government have not been cordial. The Ukraine has refused to permit Maximilian troops to cross its territory to attack Gen. Kaledines and several days ago Bolshevik troops attacked the Rada as it was sitting in Odessa and were defeated by Ukrainian troops. The Bolshevik government has accused the Ukrainian Rada of being friendly to the constitutional democrats and the Cossacks, the main factors behind the counted revolution.

Cossacks for Independence

Rostov-on-the-Don, recently reported captured by the Bolsheviks, is now said to have been occupied Monday by the Cossacks of Gen. Kaledines who, according to another recent rumor, had been arrested by his own officers. The Cossack leader, according to a despatch reaching London from Petrograd, had proposed to the Bolsheviks that civil strife come to an end by declaring the independence of the Don territory and providing against Maximilian intervention there.

Italians Resist Attacks

Between Monte Grappa and the Brenta on the Italian northern front, the Italians are resisting desperately renewed Austro-German efforts to break through the hills to the plains. The Italians, after withstanding strong

attacks and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, were forced to retire to new positions when the invaders brought up reserves. On the southern end of the Piave line the Austro-Germans have been checked in several attempts to cross the river.

On the Western Front

On the western front the Germans have not yet given strong indication of where their advertised drive is to begin. The German guns continue to bombard various sectors along the front from the North sea to the Swiss border, including the Ypres and Champagne areas and enemy raiding parties are harassing the British and French soldiers.

British Repulse Raids

Enemy raids have been repulsed by the British in the Arras area and northwest of Ypres, while the French have repulsed an attack at Regnaville, northwest of Verdun. German present strength on the western front is estimated to approximate the maximum reached last July, when it was 155 divisions. The allies, however, are believed to have a superiority in numbers.

Shipping Losses

British shipping losses for the past week total 17, a decrease of four compared with the previous week. The number of ships of more than 1000 tons lost remained stationary, the reduction being in vessels under 1000 tons.

Portuguese Troops Repulse Germans

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A raid attempted by the enemy last night southeast of Laventia was repulsed by Portuguese troops, says an official statement issued today from British headquarters in France and Belgium. Except for hostile artillery activity in the neighborhood of Passchendaele there is nothing further to report.

German War Report

BERLIN, Dec. 19, via London.—The official statement issued by the German war office today says:

"Western theatre: The artillery activity was moderate owing to the storm and blizzard. In Flanders and west of

Cambrai there was a slight increase in the firing toward evening. Reconnoitering detachments along the British front northwest of Pinon on the east bank of the Meuse and southwest of Thann (Alsace) brought in British and French prisoners.

"Macedonian front: There was firing at times in the Cerma bend and between the Vardar and Lake Dorian."

British Aviation Activities

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The official statement on aviation activities issued by the British war office tonight reads:

"Heavy snow prevented flying on Monday except on a small portion of the northern front. In this locality a certain amount of work was done by our airplanes and bombs were dropped on a hostile airdrome near Courtrai. Enemy trenches also were attacked with bombs and machine gun fire. At night the station at Roulers and the stations at Menin were bombed heavily by us.

"In air fighting two German machines were brought down in our lines and two others were driven out of control. One of our machines is missing."

Bolshevik Blames Allies

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.—The Bolshevik newspapers are complaining that the presence of the allies military missions in the Ukraine is encouraging Gen. Kaledines, leader of the counter revolution against the Maximilian government. Answering this complaint on behalf of the American military mission of which he is chief, Lieut. Col. W. V. Judson says that all American officers are in Petrograd.

Refused to Obey Ultimatum

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18.—The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the council of people's commissaries, the Bolshevik government.

Cossacks Take Tobolsk

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—Orenburg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviks have occupied Tobolsk, a junction on the trans-Siberian railroad, according to a report received by the Den.

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Heavy Pack Tomatoes, can	17c	Sirloin Roasts, lb.	30c
Libby's Spinach, can...	20c	Heavy Salt Pork, lb.	29c
13c Camp. Tom. Soup...	10c	Choice Broilers, lb.	30c
15c Pure Currant Jell...	12 1/2c	Small Spare Ribs, lb.	18c
25c Raspberry Jam, jar...	22c	Boneless Pot Roasts, lb.	22c
25c Rich Mince Meat, lb.	22c	Legs of Spring Lamb	
20c Aunt Jane's Piccalilli...	15c	Loins of Spring Lamb	
30c Orange and Lemon Peel, lb.	25c	Pores of Spring Lamb	
32c Drained Citron, lb.	28c	Shanks of Reed Hams	
18c Hatchet Raisins, pkg.	14c	Small Star Hams, lb.	32c
\$1 Brandy Peaches...	85c		
Ward's Cakes...	12c	Fruit and Vegetables	
Soft Shell Walnuts, lb.	23c	Florida Oranges, doz.	50c
20c Large Castanas, lb.	16c	Jonathan Apples, doz.	20c
25c Mixed Nuts, lb.	20c	Baldwin Apples, pk.	45c
15c Monad. Popcorn...	12 1/2c	Large Bananas, doz.	25c
35c Layer Figs, lb.	28c	St. Andrew Turnips, 5 lbs.	10c
20c Drom. Dates, pkg.	17c	Turbin Squash, lb.	3c
65c Walnut Meats, lb.	60c	Boston Celery	25c
Fancy Cluster Raisins...	35c	Native Celery	20c
Choice Figs (in jar)	25c	Sweet Potatoes, 2 lbs.	15c
Large Prunes, lb.	12 1/2c	Heavy Lettuce	5c
Not-a-Seed Raisins...	15c	Cucumbers, each	18c
ELGIN BUTTER, lb.	48c	Cauliflower, lb.	18c
Economy Coffee, lb.	19c	Water Cress	8c
		Green Peppers	35c
		Onions, 4 lbs.	12c
		Carrots, 4 lbs.	19c

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Dainty, White and Colored Handkerchiefs, box of 3.....29c	Children's Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c
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TWO BAY STATE BOYS DIE IN FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Gen. Pershing today reported the deaths of Private James N. Gravelle, engineers, Dec. 17, cerebro spinal meningitis; mother, Mrs. Gravelle, 41 Kingman street, East Fitchburg, Mass., and Private Milton S. Marks, engineers, Dec. 17, pneumonia; father, A. S. Marks, 30 Walden street, West Lynn, Mass.

127 INMATES OF N. H. STATE PRISON JOIN THE RED CROSS

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 20.—In the Red Cross membership drive 127 inmates of the New Hampshire state prison have been enrolled, more than 50 per cent. of the prison population. The men paid their own membership fees under the system which allows them a part of their earnings in the prison shop.

MATRIMONIAL

Horace E. Emery and Miss May Wales were married yesterday at St. Peter's rectory, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. J. Heffernan. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Wales, while the best man was Thomas F. McDonough.

SAUNDERS MARKET EMPLOYEES WILL DO "THEIR BIT" IN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

There is great Red Cross enthusiasm at Saunders market and the management expects that before the week end every employee of the market will be a Red Cross member. The enthusiasm of the concern is not confined to the store. They talk it to customers and outsiders and their enthusiasm is absolutely inspiring. At the noon hour today the employees heard a very interesting talk by Mrs. George A. Leahy, wife of Dr. Leahy. Mrs. Leahy was introduced by Mrs. Saunders and her talk was very clear cut and interesting. She said that among the agencies

which are rendering invaluable service none has done more to alleviate suffering and to lighten the heavy burdens which the peoples of the afflicted nations are carrying than has the Red Cross. She called attention to the fact that if this great organization is to carry on its work to the fullest fruition it must enroll within its membership all patriotic and liberty-loving persons, regardless of race or creed, and it must be supported financially by all who believe in the ideals of democracy.

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THE U. S. CARTRIDGE CO. LEAGUE

The Drawing Dept. team of the U. S. Cartridge Co. league is now leading the top rung of the ladder with the Tool Room and Bullet Dept. tied for second honors. Devlin leads in individual averages with Gleason a close second. The standing of the teams and individual averages follow:

TEAM STANDING			
Won	Lost	P.C.	
Drawing Dept.	21	9	70.0
Tool Room	22	14	61.1
Bullet Dept.	23	11	68.1
Grinders	19	17	52.7
Inspectors	19	17	52.7
Primers	8	22	26.7
Finish Shell	12	21	35.3
Machine Shop	10	26	27.7

Averages of 30 and over:
Devlin 100.20, Gleason 100.00, H. Mullen 99.20, Kane 98.60, McDevlin 97.10, Campbell 97.10, Rogers 97.00, D. Rourke, 86, Carty 95.14, Shugrue 95.11, Manning 95.03, Atkinson 95.02, A. Mason 94.11, Giddis 94.00, Reynolds 94.00, Decker 93.20, C. Rourke 93.18, Nevins 93.00, Quinn 93.00, Mullen 93.00, McGowan 93.00, Deane 92.21, M. Pendergast 92.16, Cox 92.11, Byrne 92.07, Stewart 91.18, McDevlin 91.00, Sweeney 92.11, Jodoin 91.16, O'Dea 91.10, Higgins 91.00, Pagan 91.00, Ramsden 90.17, Doyle 90.11, Lamb 90.03, Goodwin 90.00, Davenport 90.00, Green 90.00.

HIGHLAND DAYLIGHTS AT TOP OF LADDER IN THE CITY LEAGUE

The Highland Daylights are leading in the light for supremacy in the city league, with the White Ways and Crescents following in second and third position, respectively. Devlin is at the head of the individual list with Martel traveling close on his heels and Cole is in third position.

The standing of the teams, total pinfall and individual averages follow:

TEAM STANDING			
Won	Lost	P.C.	
Highland Daylights	45	15	75.0
White Ways	37	15	70.9
Crescents	35	17	67.6
Kimballs	32	20	61.5
Indolence	29	23	55.8
Guinies	28	24	53.8
Spindle City	21	31	40.6
Carrs	21	31	40.6
Merrimacks	8	43	15.7
Jewels	8	43	15.7

Devlin 100.7, Martel 100.25, Cole 100.10, McKelvey 100.25, Byles 100.23, Jewett 100.23, Dwyer 100.24, Brigham 100.22, Connerman 100.13, Myrick 100.11, O'Brien 100.10, LeBrun 100.09, Sweeney 100.08, Jodoin 100.03, McDevlin 100.02, Kelley 100.16, Griffin 100.08, Perrin 99.20, Burns 99.36, Holmes 99.19, R. O'Brien 99.20, Flanders 99.08, Johnson 99.05, Knapton 99.02, Brauer 98.24, Williams 97.10, Hindle 97.00, Bosquet 96.25, Parille 96.24, McNeil 97.00, Pomfret 95.17, Spahr 96.01, Mahan 95.01.

Next games in this league are rolled Dec. 27th (Thursday).

CITY MINOR LEAGUE

Two games were played in the City Minor League last night, the Highland Daylights winning three points from the Kittredges while the Pridge street boys took three points from the Spindle City. Houston of the Bridge street quintet was the star man, with a total of 327. The scores:

KITTREDGES			
Sirane	91	86	97.2
Riley	92	104	75
King	96	103	91.3
Camaron	102	106	84
Salley	98	89	91

HIGHLAND DAYLIGHTS			
Dorgan	95	84	80
Hard	112	87	26
Lord	110	92	90
Pierce	107	112	50
Selleisle	82	99	45

Totals.....503 474 473 1453

OWL Theatre FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
Gale Kane in "A GAME OF WITS"
A happy five-reel drama in which a clever young girl cleared up the path of love when a rich old codger got in the way.
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Amateur Game at 7.30.

BRIDGE STREET

Sullivan	88	101	83	278
Carr	89	103	82	284
McDowell	104	102	93	399
Rourke	110	112	92	327
Houston	101	114	106	317

Totals.....498 539 472 1509

SPINDLE CITY

Desrosier	91	87	84	272
Manning	96	87	89	282
McLaughlin	91	106	84	282
J. Manning	83	113	100	296
Boucher	104	100	111	315

Totals.....465 502 488 1446

Totals	465	503	488	1446
POLO LEAGUE STANDING				
	Won	Lost	P.C.	
Lowell	11	6	64.7	
Providence	8	7	53.3	
Worcester	9	8	52.9	

LAST NIGHT'S POLO RESULTS

At Worcester: Providence 6, Worcester 5.
At Lawrence: Lawrence 5, Portland 2.

Polo Notes

Barney Doherty, the Cy Young of polo, will be here on Friday night. He will be here on Friday night. He will be here on Friday night.

An amateur game will precede the Brocton-Lowell game Friday night, starting at 7.30 o'clock. These preliminary battles are making a hit with the fans, and will be continued throughout the season.

It certainly looks like old times to see Lowell on the top.

It seems as if Referee Fitzgerald was rather derelict in his duty Saturday night in not stopping some of the roughness. It spoiled the game as it took away all the science. The referee said there was soreness between the men but the whistle had hardly sounded when it could be plainly seen that Dufresne and Cusick were out looking for trouble. Cusick was after Slater all night and roughed it up considerably while Dufresne seemed intent on scrapping with everybody that came near him. These tactics should be stopped as Lawrence is just now getting a large gathering of the fair sex at the games and such actions would tend to stop them from coming. Ryan and Hardy are two of the best defense men in the league and never resort to dirty tactics to gain their ends.—Lawrence Sun-American.

Higgins is regarded by many as one of the best rushers in the league, but Duggan has him tied to a post in every phase of the game.—Lawrence Sun-American.

By defeating Worcester last night the Providence team went into second place.

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"This offer is sincere, and I am making it to show the Red Cross and the government just how important the bout is and to give an idea of the

amount of money which could be taken in. The Red Cross believes that \$1,000,000 cannot be taken in for their cause, I will guarantee that amount, take all the chances and stage the bout myself, under the conditions I have made."

"My offer is not made to exploit myself, but to help the Red Cross in the great war. Money is needed to carry on the work, and boxing wants to do its share. There may be some people who cannot realize what a big earning proposition this proposed match is, and to show them what can be expected, I am making this offer of \$1,000,000."

There were 256 homicides in the city of New York, but the rate is only 4.6. In Boston, there were 30 homicides, making a rate of 4 to the 100,000. Chicago shows the greatest number

of homicides—230—with a rate of 13.2 per 100,000.

St. Louis had 121 homicides, with a rate of 14.4; Philadelphia, 119, with a rate of 6.4; New Orleans, 95, with a rate of 25.6; Cleveland, O., 85, with a rate of 12.5; San Francisco, 65, with a rate of 13.6; Cincinnati, 58, with a rate of 14.1; and Baltimore, 54, with a rate of 9.2.

Atlanta, Ga., stands next to Memphis in the matter of high percentage. It had 59 homicides—a rate of 31. New Orleans comes next, then Nashville, Tenn., with 29 homicides and a rate of 24.3; Charleston, S. C., had 11 homicides and a rate of 23.1; Dayton, O., 26, with a rate of 20.4; Savannah, Ga., with a rate of 18.5.

The homicide rate during the year increased in 15 out of 21 cities the highest rates of increase over preceding years being for Memphis and Dayton. As the largest proportion of homicide to population is in the cities of the southern states, it is not surprising that the white homicides were 6.3 per cent as against 30.4 for the colored.

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SOLDIERS' XMAS TREE AT CAMP DEVENS

The members of the National army at Camp Devens are going to observe Christmas with a monster Christmas tree Tuesday afternoon, the event to be held in the Y.M.C.A. building numbered 25, and the residents of this city who would like to please the boys with gifts may do so by sending them to the above mentioned building.

In relation to the Christmas tree the following telegram was received last evening by Mayor James E. O'Donnell from H. M. Fiske, Y.M.C.A. building secretary at Devens:

"Men in uniform from our district will make their headquarters during Christmas at the Y.M.C.A. building numbered 25. The plan to have Christmas trees and a big Christmas tree and partly through the newspapers we want you to invite all friends of our local boys to send their presents in care of the Y.M.C.A. No. 25, the same to be given at a party to be held Tuesday."

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE TOMORROW AFTERNOON FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The schools of the city, public and parochial, as well as the State Normal school, will close tomorrow afternoon until Wednesday, Jan. 2, for the annual Christmas vacation.

HUNGARIANS IN UNITED STATES HAVE DRAWN \$100,000,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Hungarians throughout the United States are carrying around in their pockets, or hiding in their homes, approximately \$100,000,000, drawn from banks since this country declared war on Austria-Hungary, in fear that the money would be confiscated by the government, according to an announcement here yesterday by the Transatlantic Trust company. In letters sent to its Hungarian customers, the trust company urged them to deposit this money at once with the bank, so that it may earn interest for its owners, and at the same time help the United States to win the war.

LOST AND FOUND

LITTLE DOG, black and white, lost Wednesday night about 10 o'clock, between Pawtucketville bridge and Moody st. Greek Furniture Co., 627 Market st.

BLACK POCKETBOOK lost Sunday evening on Middlesex or Union sts.; containing sum of money and railway cards. Reward at 30 Union st.

POCKETBOOK lost Monday night; containing sum of money. Reward to finder at 32 Lincoln st.

PAIR OF LADY GLOVES, gray suede, lost between Lincoln square and Cambridge st., Monday eve. Reward at 27 Liberty st.

Removal Notice!

M. J. SHARKEY
Has Moved His Office to
219 Central Street

Corner of Jackson street, where he is better prepared to furnish all forms of

INSURANCE
and Supply the needs of Home Owners and Investors.
On his large and varied list of properties for sale you may find the place just suits you.
His advice and services are always at your disposal. CALL AND SEE HIM at his new address—
219 CENTRAL STREET

TAFT SAYS GERMAN PEOPLE OUR FOES

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The United States is not only fighting the Kaiser and the Prussian military system but the German people, said former President Taft in addressing a gathering of manufacturers at the annual banquet of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts here last night. "And the only way we can win," he added, "is by hitting the German people on the head with a club."

When the attempt to form a constitutional monarchy in Germany failed, Mr. Taft continued, the freedom-loving Germans came to this country and are now counted among our best citizens. Those who remained in Germany through the Bismarckian rule saw the success of this rule of blood and iron until, Mr. Taft said, they became ob-



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Complete assortment of high grade tapestries to pick from at prices that cannot be duplicated. Included are many creations by Thomas Strahan and M. H. Birge & Sons. Unexcelled designs with colors superb. Papers for living rooms, halls, dining rooms, etc. Have that room papered now. Come in and let us show you these beautiful papers.

ON SALE THIS WEEK ONLY

XMAS SALE

Boys', Young Men's and Men's Overcoats, Mackinaws, Sweaters and Heavy Suits of all makes must be sold at bargain prices. By buying now you will save from \$5.00 to \$10.00 on your next winter's garments. This statement is absolutely true—provide for what is coming for next winter. Now is your opportunity. BE WISE, get yours now at bargain prices. We have the goods at the old prices and we are willing to share with you the fruit of our foresight. If we had told you last year that sugar would be missing at this time you would have laughed at us. Now listen, heavy overcoats, mackinaws and suiting in good quality will be missing next winter. Now provide while you can and be ready to meet what is surely coming. Heed our warning, buy all you need at bargain prices, at

Roy & O'Heir

88 Prescott Street. Facing Market Street. Full line of union label goods at The Little Store With the Big Trade.

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS

A STORE LOADED WITH USEFUL Christmas Gifts

What to give Christmas is not usually a matter of easy disposal—As often as not, the decision is difficult only because of the methods employed—It's really an easy matter if one goes to the proper place.

If you've waited until now before Gift Buying—your choice won't suffer if you come to this

GREAT STORE LOADED WITH USEFUL GIFTS

For Men, Women and Boys, where experienced salespeople will gladly make suggestions. Here are a few items from our vast stocks that may help you make your selections:—

Men's Overcoats	\$10.00 to \$35.00	Ladies' Coats, Wool	\$5.00 to \$40.00
Men's Suits	\$12.50 to \$30.00	Ladies' Coats, Fur	\$25.00 to \$225
Men's Rain Coats	\$5.00 to \$20.00	Ladies' Suits	\$12.50 to \$40.00
Men's Separate Pants	\$2.50 to \$5.00	Ladies' Rain Coats	\$2.95 to \$25.00
Men's Bath Robes	\$3.75 to \$10.00	Ladies' Separate Skirts	\$3.98 to \$6.98
Men's House Coats	\$5.00 to \$10.00	Ladies' Petticoats .....	.98c to \$5.00
Men's Fancy Vests	\$1.00 to \$3.50	Ladies' Fur Scarfs	\$10.00 to \$20.00
Men's Hats	\$2.00 to \$6.00	Ladies' Fur Muffs	\$9.75 to \$25.00
Men's Caps .....	.50c to \$6.00	Ladies' Silk and Serge Dresses	\$7.50 to \$50
Men's Umbrellas	\$1.25 to \$5.00	Ladies' Umbrellas	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Men's Shirts .....	.75c to \$7.00	Ladies' Sweaters	\$4.98 to \$13.50
Men's Underwear .....	.50c to \$5.00	Ladies' Handkerchiefs .....	.75c and \$1.50 box
Men's Sweaters	\$3.00 to \$10.00	Boys' Overcoats	\$3.95 to \$15.00
Men's Handkerchiefs .....	.5c to \$1.00	Boys' Suits	\$5.00 to \$15.00
Men's Hosiery .....	.15c to \$1.15	Boys' Black Rubber Rain Coats	\$4.00
Men's Neckwear .....	.25c to \$2.50	Boys' Tan Rain Coats with Hat	\$4.00
Men's Suspenders .....	.35c and \$1.00	Boys' Separate Pants .....	.75c to \$1.75
Men's Belts .....	.25c to \$5.00	Boys' Shirts and Waists .....	.60c to \$1.75
Men's Collars	\$2.00 Per Dozen	Boys' Underwear .....	.50c to \$1.00
Men's Cuff Buttons .....	.25c to \$3.00	Boys' Neckwear .....	.25c
Men's Scarf Pins .....	.50c to \$3.50	Boys' Hats and Caps .....	.50c to \$3.00
Men's Knife and Chains	\$2.00 and \$3.00	Boys' Gloves .....	.45c to \$1.00

Merrimack Clothing Co.

ACROSS FROM CITY HALL STORE OPEN TONIGHT

3,000,000 GERMANS ON WESTERN FRONT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Germany's strength on the Franco-British front is placed in official despatches received here yesterday at 154 divisions (about 3,000,000 men) or within one division of the great force amassed there last July when the German military effort against France was at its maximum.

5000 TON STEEL CARGO SHIPS FOR GOVERNMENT

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 20.—Marking the actual beginning of production of standardized 5000-ton steel cargo ships for the United States government, Charles P. Page of the United States shipping board today drove the first rivet in the first of these vessels at a large ship yard near here which has been rushed to completion in 76 days. The keels of two similar vessels are to be laid this month. The program of the private corporation building the ships calls for the completion of 150 of the cargo boats in the least possible time. The yards where this work is being done are so arranged that 25 of the vessels will be under simultaneous construction.

U. S. HAS 1000 SHIPS IN COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The next step of the house sub-committee investigating the war activities of the navy had not been revealed today and it appeared probable that further sessions would be deferred until after the Christmas recess. The committee adjourned last night without fixing any time for resuming the hearing.

German Drive in Italy a Blessing

"If America and the allies can profit by the lesson we may yet count the German drive into Italy as a disguised blessing," he said. "If America and the allies can learn anything from the past, if America awakens as does her full duty in the manufacture of vast

DAUGHTER OF GROVER CLEVELAND AND BRITISH ARMY OFFICER ENGAGED

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, to Capt. Bosanquet of the Coldstream Guards. Capt. Bosanquet, a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, has been decorated with the distinguished service order. Miss Cleveland came to London in one of last year, after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind, and took up work as a volunteer of St. Dunstan's home for blinded soldiers.

LADIES' WAISTS FOR CHRISTMAS

We are showing some exclusive styles in Ladies' Waists for Christmas. Every woman would appreciate a Merrimack waist as a gift. Priced 98c to \$5.95. Merrimack Clothing Co. across from City Hall.

NEARLY STRONG AS EVER

Withdrawals from Russia and drafts upon the younger classes of reservists have enabled the Kaiser's army only to make up the enormous losses suffered in bloody battles with the allies, but to replace the men sent to aid the Austrians in their invasion of Italy.

CHRISTMAS FURLOUGHS FOR MORE AYER MEN

CAMP DEVENS, Ayer, Dec. 20.—What draftees and their families all over New England have been hoping for has happened—Secretary Baker has revoked the war department order limiting Christmas leave to 5 per cent of the men here, and has ordered that the matter be left to the discretion of commandment commanders.

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- TAUPE FURS \$5.98, \$6.98, \$10.75, \$12.75, \$15.75, \$17.50, \$18.75, \$22.50 to \$50.
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- SILK FLOUNCE PETTICOATS \$1.98, \$2.49 and \$2.98.
- HEATHERBLOOM PETTICOATS Regular \$2.50 value for \$1.89.
- SATEEN PETTICOATS 98c, \$1.49, \$1.98.
- EXTRA LARGE SIZE PETTICOATS 98c, \$1.89, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00.
- QUILTED SILK VESTS, 98c.
- QUILTED SILK JACKETS, \$1.98.
- ALL WOOL COAT SWEATERS \$3.98, \$5.00, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$8.75 to \$15.00.
- WOOL SCARFS AND CAP SETS In boxes at 98c and \$1.50 per set.
- WINTER COATS AT REDUCED PRICES \$9, \$12, \$15, \$19.75, \$25.00.
- WINTER SUITS AT REDUCED PRICES \$15, \$19.75, \$24.49.
- NEW SILK DRESSES \$8, \$10, \$12.75, \$15, \$17.50 and up.
- HANDSOME BALL GOWNS \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$45.00 up to \$100.00.
- SILK KIMONAS \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5 to \$10.
- LADIES' BATH ROBES \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00 to \$10.75.
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MAJ. GEN. SCOTT BACK FROM BATTLE FRONT

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 20.—Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, U.S.A., who is to be assigned as chief instructor of the new national army, returned today from Europe on an American steamship. He has been at the front in France studying conditions. A number of United States army officers arrived with him.

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FIND GERMAN WIRELESS IN NEW YORK

RAY SHORE, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Henry Schneider, a German jeweler, has been interned at Ellis Island as an alien enemy, it was learned yesterday. Schneider, a German grocer, is under guard at his home here, where he is critically ill with pneumonia, after federal agents discovered in Schneider's home a wireless outfit with its government seals broken.

Schneider was shadowed by agents of the naval intelligence bureau, who found that he visited Hoyer frequently. When the bureau was searched slips of paper with memoranda of movements of transports and troops are alleged to have been discovered.

The wireless outfit was confiscated.

Fire Laid to Germans
WHITESBURY, Ky., Dec. 20.—Fire, believed to have been the work of German agents, destroyed part of the town of Whitesburg, north of here, yesterday, causing a loss of \$100,000. Among the buildings destroyed was the storehouse of the Elkhorn Mining company.

HERO OF LIEGE AGAIN ARRESTED BY GERMANS

GENEVA, Dec. 18.—General Leman, known as the hero of Liege for his defense of that city at the time the Germans were going through Belgium in the first month of the war, was expected to arrive in Switzerland yesterday, the German government finally having agreed to his internment in this country. News of his arrest, however, and the general was arrested yesterday on the frontier at Constance. It is recalled that General Leman, although seriously ill, declined last year to accept a German offer of permission to come to Switzerland because it was made on the ground of his illness and age. The general said he did not wish to admit that he was unable to fight for his country.

WONDERS OF AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The wonders of a vast American training camp for aviators in central France were described enthusiastically in the Petit Parisien by Paul Giniesty, who has just visited the camp. With the exception of a few huts, he writes, all the material was brought from America. The work was begun in September under the direction of 250 men, experts in various branches and the driving power which they put into their tasks was evident on every hand. From this camp fully trained pilots will be sent to the front. French aviators are there to give the benefit of their experience.

The arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of the American soldiers in all the camps are praised by Giniesty, who also was greatly impressed by the highly developed administrative organization which has been perfected. He was especially struck by a chart at the aviation camp which records the progress of each pilot from the time of his first flight until he is performing acrobatic tricks in the air.

LIVING PROOFS OF TERRIBLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN AUSTRIA

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were furnished yesterday by the arrival at Buchs, on the frontier, of 576 pale and suffering children between the ages of 7 and 9. They are from Vienna and other Austrian towns.

They had not tasted milk for months. They had received bad bread in insufficient amounts, stomach disease resulting. Their clothing was scanty and there was no coal in their homes. They will be distributed among various places in Switzerland until their health is restored.

VILLA CHANGES HIS NAME TO GONZALEZ

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Francisco Villa has changed his name and is now operating under the name of Severino Gonzalez, according to escaped federal prisoners who have reached Chihuahua City and made known to the commander there. With Martin Lopez, Villa has been conducting a guerrilla campaign in Chihuahua under the name of Gonzalez and looted several small towns, held up a railroad train and killed a number of civilians.

Villa's other name, which is used when he is referred to in any official communication of the Mexican government, is Doroteo Arana, which was the name he dropped when he became a bandit in the Mexican mountains.

MAN HELD FOR MURDER OF WOMAN AND BOY AND LARCENY OF \$1700

EASTHAMPTON, Dec. 20.—Antonio Szczepanek, wanted in Newburyport in connection with the murder of his wife and a boy of 2, and the dangerous wounding of a girl of 9, was arrested within five minutes of his arrival at his brother's home here early last night. Larceny of \$1700 is also alleged to have been committed by the prisoner.

IRISH "AMBASSADOR" ARRESTED AT HALIFAX AND BROUGHT TO NEW YORK FOR TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dr. Patrick McCarten, so-called ambassador to the United States from the Irish republic, was brought here yesterday from Halifax and will be arraigned in the United States district court on a charge of fraudulently obtaining a seaman's passport. McCarten came to the United States eight months ago and was associated with "General" Liam Melowes, another Sinn Fein leader who was arrested as he was trying to leave the country.

McCarten left New York Oct. 17, as a seaman on a Belgian relief ship under the name of "Charles Conlin," and when the vessel reached Halifax he was arrested by the British authorities on information from the United States department of justice.

9,000,000 POUNDS OF RAW SUGAR FROM LOUISIANA REACHED BOSTON TODAY

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—A cargo of 9,000,000 pounds of raw sugar from Louisiana, the first received this month, reached Boston today. Refiners said it probably would be the last of the Louisiana product to be sent here this season, but that Cuban sugar was expected to move northward within the next ten days and further relieve the shortage.

PLASTERERS

Are requested to attend the next regular meeting Friday, December 21, at 22 Middle street.

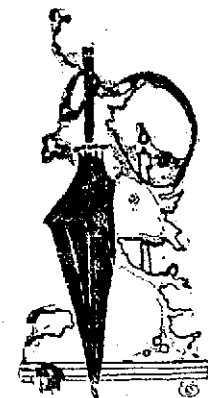
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Ribbons and Ribbon Novelties

We have a most complete line of ribbons for fancy novelties, also novelties made up such as Slipper, Knitting, Service, Street, Crochet, Opera and Swagger-Bags, also boudoir slippers, pin cushions, coat hangers, dresser trays, jewel boxes, sweater holders, velvet scarfs, handkerchief cases, neckties, powder puff cases with mirror, slipper cases, bonnet bows, fan holders, etc.

Ribbon Department, Street Floor

Women's and Misses' Gloves

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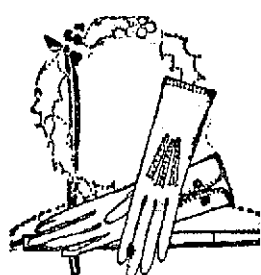
Nowhere in Lowell can you find a larger assortment of the latest and most wanted styles in gloves.

Trefoosle Real Kid Gloves—In black and black with white stitching, tan, gray, dark brown. The new heavier and white and white with black stitching. Priced \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00

1-Clasp Washable Gloves—In white, sand, Newport, tan and gray. Priced \$2.00 and \$2.25

Reynier Real Kid Gloves—In black and black with a wide contrast embroidery. Priced \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00

6-Button Washable Cape Skin—Slip-on style, strap wrist, in ivory, pearl and tan. Priced \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00



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ART DEPT. OFFERINGS

Stamped Pieces, such as Combing Jackets, Baby Wash Bags, Shoe Bags, Dollies, Scarfs and many other useful articles make acceptable gifts to those who like to embroider. We also have all the necessary silks and embroidery cottons to complete these pretty things. All are reasonably priced.

Christmas Neckwear FOR WOMEN

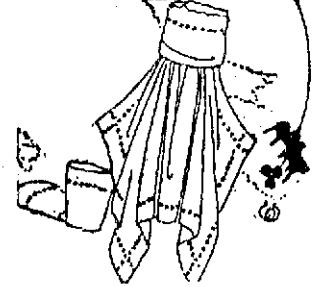
In your rush for Christmas presents don't forget we have a large and varied stock of the latest neckwear. Here are a few suggestions.

Stocks and Jabots—In net, lace and satin. Priced from 50c to \$2.98

Satin Collars—In both roll and flat styles. Priced from 50c to \$3.98

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Genuine Cut Glass—Very moderately priced in groups to sell at 25c, 49c, 98c and Up



Cut Glass Bowls—Floral and conventional border designs, 8 inches deep model; regular price \$1.98. Specially priced 98c

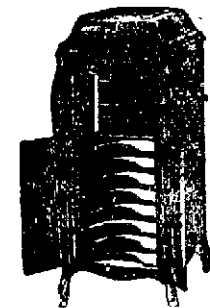
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Leather Purse .50c to \$15.00
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Flat Pins .25c, 50c, \$1.00
Leather Hand Bags \$1.00 to \$10
Fancy Combs .25c to \$5.50

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Scarf Pins .25c to \$5.00
Cuff Links .25c to \$4.00
Match Safes \$1.00
Waldemar Chains .50c to \$5.00
Cigarette Cases \$1.00 to \$2.50
The Clasps .25c to \$1.00

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Leather Hand Bags .50c to \$1.00
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Rings .25c to \$1.00
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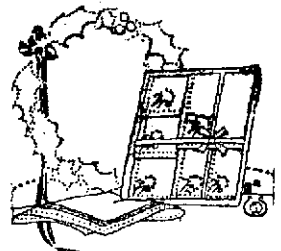
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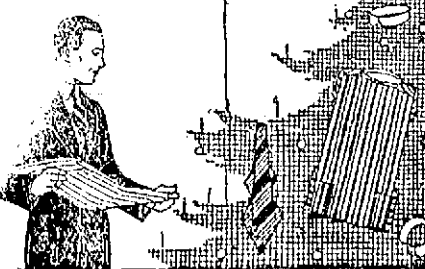
Thousands of Ties in all the color combinations imaginable .25c to \$1.50 Each

Men's Silk Scarfs, in all the wanted colors \$1.25 to \$7.98

Professional or Student Bags \$2.75 up to \$7.98

Men's Cape, Suede and Mocha Gloves .125 to \$2.50 Pair

Students and Professional Bags, in tan and black leathers. Priced, \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.50 up to \$7.98



STREET FLOOR

Just Inside Main Entrance

Boys' Sweaters, in brown, navy and garnet. \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50

Men's Fine Nightgown Shirts, laundered or soft cuffs. \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Men's Fibre Silk and All Silk Shirts \$2.50 to \$5.00

Men's Flannellette Night Shirts and Pajamas. \$1.00 to \$1.75

Men's Cotton Pajamas, plain or fancy colors. \$1.15 to \$2.25

Men's Fine Cashmere Hose. 25c, 38c, 60c, and \$1.00 Pair

Men's Pure Silk hose, in black and colors. 55c and \$1.25 Pair

SAY NOTHING BUT SAW WOOD

James J. Storow, federal fuel administrator for New England, has formulated plans for converting leisure hours into heat units by the organization of Cut-a-Cord clubs. It is hoped that the movement will extend throughout the New England states. By this means the fuel administrator hopes to help keep New England warm during the coal shortage.

"There is a large supply of standing wood scattered generally throughout the New England states," the fuel administrator declares. "This may be drawn on during these critical times for fuel purposes."

One difficulty in the way of using wood for fuel has been the high cost of wood cutting, due to the shortage of labor. The Cut-a-Cord club movement was devised to relieve the fuel situation by the creation of labor out of the leisure hours of a large element of the population.

In initiating the movement the fuel administrator is careful to guard against indiscriminate slashing of the forests. It is the intention to make the woodchopping activity a benefit to the forest as a whole, by removing the poor species and the defective trees, in accordance with the teachings of modern forestry.

If the fuel administrator is successful in getting New England to swing axes, he will help toward restoring to this section some of its independence of a half century ago, when New England depended almost entirely upon wood for fuel. Not only was wood used for domestic purposes but the railroads depended upon it for their motive power.

One of the chief winter industries of our farmers was to supply railroads with wood.

"Does it not seem absurd," the fuel administrator asks, "that coal should be brought all the way from the mines in Pennsylvania, to be burned in homes where wood is growing abundantly almost within a stone's throw of the house?"

"As a matter of fact," the fuel administrator says, "a cord of first quality hardwood when burned in the old-fashioned, air-tight, sheet iron stove will go further than a ton of hard coal for the simple reason that it is customary to keep the wood fire burn-

ing only when it is needed. A coal fire, however, is burned continuously, night and day, and a large amount of fuel is consumed unnecessarily. Probably no nation on earth ever consumed fuel so extravagantly as ours. In a house where perhaps two or three warm rooms are all that are required the entire house of seven or eight rooms has been kept at almost summer temperature day and night all winter long. Is it unreasonable to ask that, at least during these critical war times, we return to the more economical and also more healthful customs of our forefathers and use our native wood supply and use it sparingly as will be done by the person who chops every stick that is burned and hauls it to the woodshed."

An important feature of the Cut-a-Cord club movement is the benefit to the health of those who take part in this vigorous outdoor exercise. Those who organize clubs will be instructed to see that their members who are unaccustomed to such work take it up gradually, but it is believed that chopping trees can be made into a most agreeable form of winter outing, in which women and children can take part especially in preparation of a hot outdoor meal around the campfire.

An appeal is also made on account of patriotism, for no matter how little wood is cut there has been some saving in coal that is needed in helping to win the war.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing: Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

J. F. Donohoe, 223 Hildreth Bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone.

Rudolph Chapdelaine, of 63 Fishers street, who is corresponding clerk for the Boston & Maine railroad, has left for Washington, D. C., where he is to be employed by the government as a traffic clerk.

Notices have been posted in the Merrimack and Massachusetts mills to the effect that the plants will shut down for the Christmas vacation Saturday noon until Wednesday morning. Other mills will work Monday.

Augustin Bissou, who conducts a store in Aiken street, left last night for St. Norbert, Athabaska, P. Q., to be brought all the way from the mines in Pennsylvania, to be burned in homes where wood is growing abundantly almost within a stone's throw of the house."

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DIAMONDS

FINEST BLUE WHITE WESSELTONS

Your MONEY back within one year, less 10 per cent.

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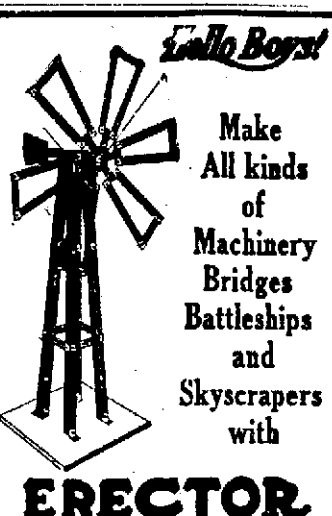
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Beautiful Picture Frames

Delight and add to the cheerful appearance of any home. 10 per cent discount on all frames. (Not delivered.) See display in our show-rooms.

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ERECTOR

"The Toy Like Structural Steel"

Erector gives you the most parts for building the strongest and largest models. You can make big strong models quickly and easily like the real things, because the pieces are all scientifically made and correct in design and proportion. A sturdy electric motor which will lift 200 lbs. comes with most sets.

Come in and see Erector. Ask for booklet about Erector \$5.00 Prize Contest which also tells how boys can secure free membership in the

GILBERT INSTITUTE OF ERECTOR ENGINEERING.

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ERVIN E. SMITH CO., 41-49 MARKET STREET

of wide reputation. In addition, vocal and instrumental selections were given by Miss Bertha Chapman, Miss Anna Roth, Howard Large and Miss Grace Martin.

William F. Kivlan of 213 Middlesex street, who enlisted in the aviation corps, and reported at Fort Slocum, has been sent to a training camp in Texas, where he will undergo instructions preparatory to going "over there." Mr. Kivlan was employed at the Heine Electric company as an expert magnetic repairer for six years, but severed connections with the local company when the call for volunteers in the aviation corps came. He has written to local friends and is very enthusiastic over his work.

A number of Lowell students of Boston college and their friends were among those present in Boston college hall last evening when Shakespeare's "Henry IV" was produced by the students of the college. The play was given two performances, one Tuesday evening and the second last evening. Last evening was "students' night" and the young men of the Newton institution were present in great numbers. Boston college closed its doors Tuesday for the annual Christmas vacation and will re-open Jan. 7. It is believed that the extended vacation is due to the coal shortage.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

Thomas Corcoran appeared before Judge Enright in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with the larceny of two automobile tires valued at \$25 and a light tank worth \$10, the property of George C. Gendron. He entered a plea of not guilty and stated that he was ready for trial, but at the request of the government the case was continued for one week, the defendant being held under \$300 for his appearance at that time.

It is alleged by the police that Corcoran entered the garage where Mr. Gendron keeps his machine, near the

Kustoo in Thorndike street yesterday, and after taking two tires, ripped off a Prest-o-lite tank and subsequently disposed of them. Another car located nearby was stripped of everything that could be sold without arousing suspicion and the reason for the government's request for continuance was to ascertain if Corcoran had been connected with the latter larceny.

His Case Continued

Daniel J. Farrell was arrested in Dutton street last night by Sergt. Petrie and Officer Conroy and sent to the police station where he was charged for drunkenness. Today he entered a plea of not guilty and said he was ready for trial. The government asked for a continuance until tomorrow morning, which was granted.

Assault and Battery

Bruno Ayotte entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging him with assault and battery on Eva Benson on Tuesday night. According to the story told the police by a young woman who appeared in court yesterday morning on a complaint of drunkenness, Ayotte and several other persons were in a house in Cabot street the night before last and that there was a merry drinking party going on. During the midst of the festivities Ayotte became obstreperous and assaulted the Benson girl and the latter was taken to a hospital suffering from two broken jaws. The woman who appeared in court yesterday morning also bore a discolored eye. Inasmuch as it will be a week or more before the Benson woman will be released from the hospital the government asked for a continuance for ten days. The request was granted and the defendant was held under \$1000 bonds for appearance at that time.

Louis A. Lapierre entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging him with drunkenness and by request of the police he was held under \$200 for his appearance Monday morning.

RED CROSS MEMBERS

Continued

hind some of her sister municipalities and towns as far as actual figures go. Salem, Lynn and Lawrence are all ahead of the Spindle City. But the race is not yet over.

The next meeting will be held Friday evening in Memorial hall and will be of much the same nature as last evening's. Every worker is asked to be on hand and make his report even though he has but one new member to turn in.

Team Report to Date

Following is the team report to date:

Team 1—Capt. Spillane	297
Team 2—Capt. Fairburn	132
Team 3—Capt. O'Donoghue	183
Team 4—Capt. Carney	110
Team 5—Capt. Daniels	110
Team 6—Capt. Priestly	149
Team 7—Capt. Rawlinson	252
Team 8—Capt. Wentworth	121
Team 9—Capt. O'Donnell	18
Team 10—Capt. Hayward	194
Team 11—Capt. Fisher (suburban)	
Team 12—Capt. Williams (Boy Scouts)	96
Team 13—Capt. Mrs. Pickering	461
Team 14—Pawtucketville Boy Scouts	
Team 15—Capt. Mrs. Favreau	

Total for the day.....237

Previously reported.....670

Total to date.....2307

The 100 Per cent. List

Where everyone is a member of the Red Cross:

C. Hood Co.
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Merrimack River Savings bank.
Appleton Trust bank.
Mechanics Savings bank.
Lowell Five Cent Savings bank.
M. Steinhart & Sons Co.
Lowell Trust Co.
Central Savings bank.
Lowell Morris Plan Co.
Bright, Sears & Co.
E. W. Hoyt Co.
Dalley Drug Co.
The Frank J. Campbell drug store.

War Work Headquarters

A total of 250 members had been signed up at the war work headquarters for the Red Cross up until this noon. Subscriptions will be received at this agency until the end of the campaign.

TALBOT'S

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



"TRADE AT A MAN'S STORE"

Is a popular slogan for the men and boys. They appreciate gifts bought at a man's store. With our greatly increased stock and our beautiful new store we are showing a wonderful stock of useful Christmas Gifts. Ladies are finding this the store to buy good Furnishing Goods and Children's Clothing.

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SHIRTS

A man can't have too many Shirts. Percale, Madras and Cords, starched or soft cuffs, in new patterns.....\$1.00, \$1.50

Men's Silk Fibre Shirts, that have the appearance of pure silk, and will wash and wear much better.....\$2 and \$3

Men's Silk Front Shirts, in blue, pink and corn colors; just arrived.....\$1.65

GLOVES

We have a good supply for all kinds of wear. Mochas, in tan and gray, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00

Lined Kids and Mochas, in tan and gray, \$1.00 to \$2.50

Wool Gloves and Mittens.....25c to \$1.00

Fur Lined Gloves, in tan.....\$6.00

BATH ROBES

Made from heavy blankets of our own selection, button front and cords, handsome patterns, \$5.00 to \$10.00

NECKWEAR

The biggest stock in the city.....50c, 65c, \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$2.50

SWELL STYLES FOR GOOD DRESSERS

Boys' Clothing

OVERCOATS MACKINAW'S
Style—Snap—Speed

The finest up to the minute models ever shown the boys of Lowell.

\$5, \$6.75, \$8.50,
\$10, \$12

Beif Blouses, all colors.....50c
Flannel Blouses.....\$1.00



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Practical and Serviceable Gifts

Umbrellas
\$1.00 to \$8.50

Trunks
\$3.50 to \$18.00

Pocketbooks
25c to \$9.00

Serving Trays
The Ideal Gift

Shaving Sets
A Man's Necessity

Traveling Bags
\$1.25 to \$30.00

Wardrobe Trunks
\$20.00 to \$40.00

Ladies' Hand Bags
50c to \$10.00

Suit Cases
75c to \$20.00

Professional Bags
\$1.35 to \$8.00

Collar Boxes
50c to \$5.00

Pictures, Mirrors
All Kinds. All Prices

Vacuum Bottles
\$1.10 to \$5.00

Toilet Sets
All Prices

Military Sets
50c to \$10.00

Electrical Lamps
A Good Variety

Flashlights
50c to \$2.50

Smoking Sets
A Man's Comfort

HERE YOU WILL FIND WITHOUT EXCEPTION THE LARGEST AND MOST REASONABLY PRICED STOCK OF UMBRELLAS, TRAVELING BAGS AND POCKETBOOKS WHICH IS CARRIED IN THIS CITY

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RUSH TO JOIN NAVAL FORCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The government's call for young Americans to join the new ships of the merchant fleet is meeting with gratifying response, according to reports reaching the shipping board today from Henry Howard of Boston, director of recruitment.

Mr. Howard says that applications for places as sailors, firemen, officers and stewards are being received at his office at the rate of 300 a day. Many applications are from college men, who prefer to serve their country at sea rather than in the army. The Philadelphia office of the recruiting service also reported that it was swamped with applications. Pennsylvania has produced the greatest number of recruits for the new service thus far, shipping board figures show.

BAY STATE, ELEVATED AND B. & M. CUT CARS

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Realization of the serious shortage of coal in New England came home to thousands of people in the suburbs of this city today when the Bay State Street Railway Co. put

J. C. MANSEAU

MEN'S WEAR
Cor. Merrimack and Hanover Sts.

Try this store if you want a gift for a "film." Our assortment is great and our prices a little lower.

BATH ROBES\$5 to \$10

SILK SHIRTS.....\$3.50 and \$4.50

NECKWEAR35c to \$1.50

GLOVESFrom 50c to \$5.00

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And Everything That Men Wear

Christmas Box and nicely engraved Christmas card with every article.

CONSIDER THIS!

Headquarters for Church Needs

Large trees a specialty. We grow them, also hundreds of the Maine balsam for house use at prices ranging from 50c to \$1.00.

Our plant and flower department cannot be beaten. All flowers fresh from our hot houses.

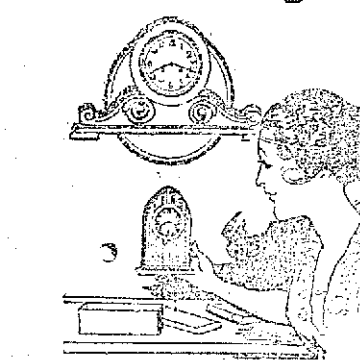
Place your orders early, and it will give us a chance to give you the good service that has always been our pride to render.

J. J. McMANMON

—FLORIST—

Store, 6 Prescott Street.

Among Our Clocks



will be found everything in time pieces from the handsomest to the least expensive. Pretty little clocks for my lady's boudoir, handsome, ornamental clocks for living or dining room, serviceable clocks for the kitchen. Nowhere else can you obtain a wider choice or more modest prices.

Geo. H. Wood

Jeweler

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WALLACE NUTTING PHOTOGRAPHS

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FOR NATION-WIDE FOOD INVENTORY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The most comprehensive inventory of food resources in the United States ever made—the war emergency food survey, provided for by congress—will be started within the next few days, when the first batch of the more than three-quarters of a million schedules or questionnaires to be sent out will be placed in the mails.

The survey, which has been commissioned by the secretary of agriculture to carry out the big stock-taking enterprise with the co-operation of other branches of the department, will survey food resources in food and food materials, every food manufacturer, and every holder of substantial quantities of foods in the country except the family, requiring them to report stocks which they have on hand Dec. 31, 1917. A separate schedule will be sent to a representative number of specially selected homes throughout the country and upon returns from these an estimate will be made for all homes.

The survey follows a preliminary inventory for a limited number of food items made Aug. 31 last, results of which have been nearly all tabulated.

The aim of the major survey to be begun shortly is to give the government, producers, dealers and consumers, the information of the quantities of the various important food materials on hand. It is only with trustworthy figures of existing stocks as a basis as to what can be conserved and distributing foods already on hand, and for producing the foods needed next season.

Questionnaires to be used

The survey will be made by means of schedules or questionnaires containing questions and blanks for answers in regard to 56 items, covering more than 100 different foods. These items are divided into 16 groups: grains and seeds, grain food products, meat and meat products, fish, animal and vegetable fats, dairy and related products, canned goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and nut products, and sugar, starches, etc. Answers are to show the quantities of each item on hand and an estimate of quantities, if any, in transit, freight or express on Dec. 31, 1917, and the quantities that were on hand Dec. 31, 1916. The returns also will show the nature, organization and size of the business of each dealer. They must be signed by the owner or an authorized official.

Schedules will be sent to all dealers in food materials, all manufacturers of food products, and all holders of such commodities in lots substantially greater than family supplies. Reports, therefore, will be expected from wholesale and retail grocers, restaurants, caterers and all commercial establishments; from exporters; from manufacturers employing any food product in their operations; and from representatives of foreign governments who export to this country. The who will supply the schedules.

Government desires reports even from concerns using foodstuffs as ingredients in products not ordinarily considered food; from holders of stocks of food and other commodities; and from chewing gum manufacturers, for example, because of the sugar employed.

Penalties for failure to report

Altogether, more than three-quarters of a million schedules will be distributed. Mailing lists have been prepared to cover the field as fully as possible, but some individuals and concerns who should make report of food materials held by them undoubtedly have been unavoidably missed.

The bureau of markets therefore is asking each such individual and concern that does not receive a schedule by Jan. 2, to write to the bureau of markets, U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., or to any of the many agencies of the bureau throughout the country, for a copy. The local addresses of these agencies are given with each of the schedules, and a million schedules which are being distributed, and may conveniently be obtained by inquiry of any business associate who has received one of the schedules.

The act of congress providing for the war emergency food survey set a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, as punishment for any individual or concern who willfully fails to make report when requested, or willfully reports incorrectly. The bureau of markets, however, counts on the full co-operation of the affected trades and industries, and hopes that there will be very few cases in which it will be necessary to enforce compliance through prosecution.

FIRE IN KNIFE FACTORY OF D. LOVEJOY & SON IN LIBERTY SQUARE

An alarm from box 15 shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon summoned a portion of the fire department to a blaze at the knife factory of D. Lovejoy & Son in Liberty square, but the blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

The fire started in a receptacle used for hardening steel and in all probability the oil was ignited by friction. The portion of the shop where the hardening was done was filled with smoke and when the smoke issued through the doors and windows it gave every appearance of being a big blaze, but the principal damage will be from smoke.

COTTON JINXED PRIOR TO DEC. 15. AMOUNTED TO 10,142,558 BALES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton jinxed prior to Dec. 15 amounted to 10,142,558 bales, exclusive of bales and including 185,252 round bales and 82,252 bales of sea island. The census bureau today announced that prior to Dec. 15, 1917, there were 184,255 round bales and 110,153 bales of sea island.

MAJ. GEN. F. MORRISON APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Maj. Gen. John F. Morrison has been appointed director of military training headquarters at the war college in this city. He will have charge of the co-ordination of the army training work throughout the United States in order to produce a uniform result and will be aided by the general staff military training committee, of which he becomes the head.

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BERLIN REPORTS 900 ITALIANS CAPTURED

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Repeated Italian counter-attacks against the positions recently captured by the Austro-Germans on Monte Perlica were repulsed yesterday, the German general staff announced today. Since Dec. 11 the Teutons have taken nearly 900 prisoners in the fighting between the Broula and Piave rivers.

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Rubber Hot Water Bottles, \$1.19, \$1.98, \$2.25

"Comfy" Covers35c

Stationery.....25c, 35c, 50c, 75c

Thermos Bottles, \$2, \$2.25, \$3, \$4.50

Perfumes, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00

Manicure Sets.....\$1.79 to \$9.00

Soldiers' Kits.....75c to \$2.98

Dresser Sets.....\$1.50 to \$20

CANDIES

Large assortment of Page & Shaw's, Samoset, Foss', Whitman's and Belle Mead, in boxes from.....10c to \$5.00

CIGARS

Standard brands in Christmas packages, boxes containing 5, 10, 12, 25, 50 and 100 cigars at prices from 25c to \$10.00

DOWS DRUG STORES

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Rumors that the east-bound embargo on corn and oats was to be lifted and that the maximum price of corn was to be removed, carrying the 1200 invalided Canadian soldiers who arrived here yesterday on a British steamship. With military precision they were transferred from the vessel to a railroad depot, and their only complaint was that they were not permitted to visit the city here.

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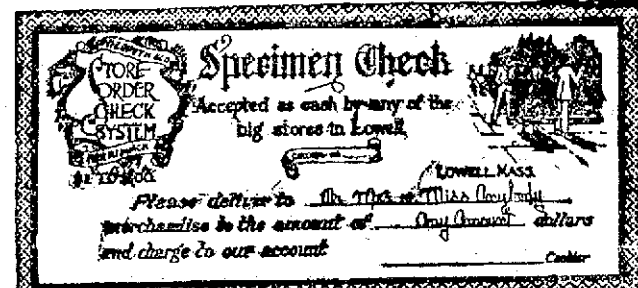
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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Patrol Jack Donovan is "right there" with a Christmas letter, for following a post card on which was written his Christmas greetings to his Lowell friends came the following interesting letter, received yesterday. Corp. Donovan writes:

France, Nov. 1917.

Dear Jim:
When we first came to this camp, the town that we all visited the most was deserted; that is, very few civilians remained during the invasion of the Germans. The few who did stay owned their homes and their little places of business and had no other place to go. Now the town is beginning to show signs of life once more, and it would surprise you to see those

our own Big Fr. William. The music was sung by a man with a rich baritone voice, which filled the church. I know I can't tell much about good singers; that is, I can't tell the best from the near-best, but I have heard Jimmie Donnelly at home and this man had a voice just like Jimmie's. As he sang, my mind jumped from my prayers and France back to Lowell and Jimmie Donnelly, blacksmith, actor, and a round good fellow. Jimmie always sang at our police baseball banquets and he was at his best at the banquet in Chelsea.

I am still doing guard duty and our guard consists of 21 men. The commander of the guard is a master engineer named Norcross, a college graduate and a good man in his line. He had charge of about all the hut building, dining rooms, bath houses, kitchens and latrines. You would be amazed to hear all he has done and it would take me too long to write it out in detail. But just think, he had to get all of his material from the salvage heaps and have it dragged from place to place by the Hindus and then get it together to put in shape. He is from New York.

A very popular sergeant of the guard is Pat. Monahan, of Lawrence, a builder of all kinds. Pat is a close second to Com. Norcross. Then comes Corp. Bickford, also of Lawrence who saw service down on the Mexican border, a good-looking soldier and one who knows the commands from A. to Z. He is also a good drill master and proved his worth at Rockingham. He signed up here as a yard master, and when we got back of our own lines, Yardmaster Bick, it will be Corp. John Spikes of Somerville is another corporal who knows his number as a soldier and knows the commands. Both of these men have been a great help to me as I watched every move of them whenever I got a chance. Spikes is one of the finest young fellows I ever met. I never saw him get mad, no matter what turned up and always a pleasant word whether going to bed at night or getting up in the morning, but I dare say he could handle himself all right if occasion required it. He came here without a word of French and now he speaks it fluently, and all by studying from the French books. We used to kid him a good deal about it and some of us would annoy him when he would be studying in the tent at night. We all are in the same tent. But it never phased him. On my relief is, first, Jim Younger of Rutland, Vt., and when Jim is on guard you can bet that after 9.30 which is "taps," the soldier, whether he be Capt. Pelletier or any other man who gets by Jim without hearing his well known voice: "Who goes there?" will be a corker. He won't get by. He's got to come across with his pass. Billy Mattison of Dorchester is some boy, a natural comedian but a good worker, not a lazy bone in his body. Both he and Younger are down as brakemen. Charles of Lowell is another good guard on my relief. Max Kenny comes from Salem, Mass. He's a fireman from the Narrow Gauge Railway Beach and Lynn railroad. Max looks on me as an old friend since the time I did police duty on the Narrow Gauge. Dave Blakeman from South Acton is a big strong fellow who is always on the job. Young Willie Alexander, of Concord, N. H., is another one of our relief. He knows his number. I tried to get Jack Kennedy, our horse-shoer, but Capt. Pelletier said he was too valuable a man in his line to let Capt. Post have him. Capt. Post, of Company C, is officer of the day and has full charge of the guard. Jim Kennedy of Lowell was with me for a while but he, too, was too valuable a man as a railroad dispatcher to permit him to remain with the guard. We were all sorry to lose Jimmie as he was the life of the tent.

O'Malley Saw a Rat
Last, but not least, is Billy O'Malley, of South Boston, signed up as a brakeman. Bill was doing duty the other night on Post 3 and when I went to see him on my second round Bill said: "Say Corp., you ought to have been here a minute ago. I thought it was the dog that killed the 100 rat the other Sunday (I wrote you about the dog in another letter, Jim). He was sniffing so loud at my feet and when I looked there was the biggest rat I ever saw in my life. I sure thought it was that Airedale as the Tommy called him when you asked what he was, 'in fact,' says Bill, 'he looks like a rat, but bigger than the dog.' Well, Jim, I guess I'll close. Remember me to all my friends. I hope you got that picture of Jack Kennedy and myself."

Requiem For Soldier
P. S. Say, Jim, I got so interested in what I was writing about Commissioner Donnelly that I forgot to finish about the funeral mass that I attended. The mass was sung for a young French soldier of that place who had been killed at the front. The coffin as I supposed it to be was only the representation of one, for when I turned to look for the body there was no body. The service was conducted as if the body was there and had I not returned after the mass to have a few little religious articles blessed, I would not have known the difference. I waited for the priest after the mass and he received me very kindly although I couldn't understand his French and he did not speak English. I attempted to make him a little offering but he smilingly declined to accept anything from me. I was quite conspicuous in that church, gathering as I was the only soldier present, and also the only American, for every healthy French soldier is at the front. The man who sang the mass was a fine-looking man, but he waited very lame so I suppose that he was carrying a souvenir from this great war. Jim kindly fix up my mistake and blame it on Commissioner Donnelly.

Wind Blowing Hard
Also, excuse poor writing and ink daubs. I am a third class soldier. The tent is pouring rain and the wind is blowing like 60. You would think the tent was going down any moment. My fourth class crying for the want of ink as you can tell by the ink stains and there's no ink handy while my last candle is on the futter and ready to go down and out and the boys are getting into bed so we can sleep. So, good night, Jim."

P. S. All the boys from Lowell are well and wish to be remembered to all their friends.
The picture referred to by Corporal Kennedy was snapped "over there" and appears herewith.

CHICAGO IRISH SOCIETY
SOLID FOR ALLIES

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A declaration upholding the Irish parliamentary party and charging that any Irishman or Irish organization seeking to embarrass any of the allied powers in the conduct of the war is committing an act of open hostility to the United States, was adopted last night by the Irish Fellowship club of Chicago, the largest Irish organization in Chicago.

It was directed to John E. Redmond and announced the forwarding of \$10,000 as the first installment of a fund to be collected in America in support of the party.

The declaration of principles will be submitted to all Irish organizations of the United States and is expected ultimately to lead to the formation of a concrete expression of support of the people of Irish blood in America of the war.

The declaration says that "any attempt to make distinctions between the allies is futile, foolish or insincere. Any policy which promises aid to the cause of the allies and at the same time singles one of them out for attack is self-contradictory."

"We are, therefore, compelled to regard any Irishman who at this time tries to embarrass the conduct of the war by any of the European powers, as trying to embarrass America. With any such policy we must tell our Irish brethren at home they cannot look to America or Irish America for any sympathy. On the contrary we regard any such policy as an act of open hostility to Americans and to us as Americans."

"There is not a single honest and genuine Irish-American who does not stand behind the president and the American government in its policy. 'The Irish people have now to choose between the enemy and the friendship of the United States, and loyal as we have always been to the



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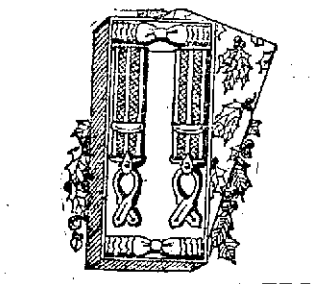
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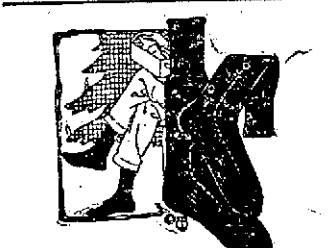
RIGHT—CORP. JACK DONOVAN
LEFT—PRIVATE JACK KENNEDY

French people take hold of a tough mess and put it in shape once more. There isn't a store empty. Everything is about normal. You can hear the buzz and the whirr of the machinery in the little factories, and where there were only a few women, now you can see them in plenty, and always with a smile, especially for the Americans. Most of the people who are running the stores are dealing in, you might say, nothing but souvenirs of France, and I noticed that a mass was being sung and so I went in. There were not many there at the time. (I attend this same chapel every Sunday.) I saw what I thought was a coffin up near the altar, same as we have seen many times in good old St. Patrick's. In a short time the church was crowded. It was a high mass of requiem. The priest was a fine-looking man a little beyond middle age, with a benign, fatherly smile that reminded me of

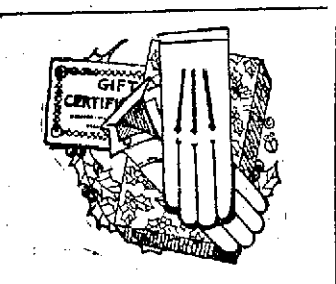
Food Cheaper Than In Lowell
You can get a good meal for a very fair price; a good deal cheaper than you can get one right there in Lowell. I was over to town the other day. I got there early and bought quite a few little tokens to send home. In passing a little French chapel where services are now held, the cathedral having been blown up by the barbarians, I noticed that a mass was being sung and so I went in. There were not many there at the time. (I attend this same chapel every Sunday.) I saw what I thought was a coffin up near the altar, same as we have seen many times in good old St. Patrick's. In a short time the church was crowded. It was a high mass of requiem. The priest was a fine-looking man a little beyond middle age, with a benign, fatherly smile that reminded me of

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EX-MAYOR SAUNDERS OF LAWRENCE DEAD
LAWRENCE, Dec. 20.—Hon. Caleb Saunders, ex-mayor and son of the founder of Lawrence, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 219 South Broadway, after a long illness, aged 73.

Mr. Saunders was born in the north parish, Andover, now North Andover, Sept. 4, 1838. The family removed to this city in May, 1845, the year that work was begun upon the dam across the Merrimack river, his father having foreseen the industrial possibilities of increasing the power of the natural water falls at this point.

He was graduated from the local high school in 1855. After completing his course in Bowdoin college in 1858 he took up the study of law in the office of his brother, the late ex-Mayor Daniel Saunders.

A little more than a year later he answered President Lincoln's call for volunteers, being the first to enlist in Lawrence. He was with the Old 6th Massachusetts in its memorable march

through the streets of Baltimore, April 19, 1861, when Sumner Needham, the first Lawrence man to lose his life in the war, was killed in the mob's attack.

Mr. Saunders served with the regiment three months and then re-enlisted in the 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. He was advanced to first lieutenant and later became acting adjutant.

In 1863 his term of enlistment expired and he resumed the practice of law here. He was a member of the common council in 1867, 1868 and 1869, and a past commander of the Grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He had also filled the chairs of the local Masonic bodies, including Bethany commandery, K. T. He was a member of Needham Post 33, G. A. R., and the Loyal Legion.

He is survived by a son, George F. Saunders of this city, a daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Baldwin of Boston, and three grandchildren, one of the latter, Daniel Saunders, being a member of the local school board.

PHILADELPHIA MAYOR IS INDICTED
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Mayor Thomas B. Smith was yesterday indicted on charges of contempt of court and violation of the election laws in connection with the holding of the primary election in the fifth ward last September, when a policeman was shot and killed by alleged New York gunmen. Other charges, including one alleging malfeasance in office, will be considered today. The action of the jury assured the trial of the mayor before a judge and jury.

Indictments were also handed down by the grand jury for conspiracy to murder, manslaughter, and conspiracy to prevent a free and fair election against Isaac Deutsch, defeated candidate for the fifth ward leadership, Lieut. of Police David Bennett and five policemen. The murder charge is in connection with the killing of Policeman George A. Eppley.

Indictments against other political leaders and detectives employed by a private agency who are charged with bringing a squad of alleged New York gangsters here for election work, will also be considered by the jury today.

Seven members of a New York gang are under arrest here in connection with the case, and one of them, Jacob "Butch" Masella, is now on trial, accused of being the man who actually shot and killed the policeman. Masella claimed he fired at the policeman in self defense.

TO ESTABLISH SUB-OFFICE OF U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY AT BOSTON
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Establishment at Boston about Jan. 1 of a sub-

office of the United States coast and geodetic survey, department of commerce, to keep more directly in touch with the interests of shipping in the waters of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, was announced today by Secretary Redfield.

Homar P. Ritter, a command officer of the survey, will be inspector in charge of the office and will be prepared to furnish information relative to the operations of that branch of the government service.

"It will be the endeavor of this sub-office," said Secretary Redfield, "to co-operate fully with steamship lines, yacht clubs, mariners and others to the extent that dangerous discovered, changes in channels and various other kinds of information needed by the survey for keeping its nautical publications up to date shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible."

A complete and up-to-date list of charts and publications relating to our coasts and surveys will be available for inspection by those interested and the office will maintain a supply of charts and other publications of the survey for sale at catalogue prices.

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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

It seems that the real nature of the prohibition amendment to the United States constitution was not fully realized until congress had adopted it. The prohibition phase of the question alone, seemed to appeal to the advocates of the measure; but while it is pre-eminently right and desirable to prevent, so far as possible, the evils arising from the use or abuse of intoxicating liquors, there is the most grave doubt as to whether this end can be secured by constitutional amendment without causing a serious conflict of authority between the federal government and the individual states.

In the first place this method of encroaching upon the rights of the states by a centralized authority is undemocratic and a violation of the principle of home rule for which the democratic party has always strenuously contended. Yet strange to say, more democrats than republicans voted for this amendment in the national house, thereby showing tendencies to centralization that were formerly almost entirely confined to the republican party. But in this they did not represent sound democratic principles.

In order to adopt the prohibition amendment, it will be necessary to have the legislatures of three-fourths of the states ratify the measure. At the last national election the number of prohibition states was brought up to 23. It is assumed that these will favor the amendment, although it would be quite reasonable and logical for any such state to oppose the change on the ground that it is able to manage its own affairs and unwilling to relinquish any part of its sovereign rights.

But assuming that the amendment be ratified as provided for by congress, it may so happen that the population of the thirty-six ratifying states may be much less than that of the twelve states that opposed the amendment or that took no action in reference thereto. Thus the minority would rule the majority.

The more populous states such as New York, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania will be most likely to oppose prohibition in any form and particularly as an amendment to the constitution. But how could the law be enforced?

The resolution adopted by congress says:

"The congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

This makeshift for enforcement of the law, this joint stock 50-50 method is a contravention of the Tenth Amendment to the constitution, which says:

"The powers, not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited to it by the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

This is a far reaching amendment, a wise provision for the protection of popular rights and the rights of individual states against such inroads upon both as are proposed in this amendment. Moreover, these powers must be vested either in the federal government or in the states. They cannot coexist in both to be exercised simultaneously. If the prohibition amendment be adopted, then this Tenth Amendment would be modified and the sovereign powers of the states to that extent encroached upon and curtailed.

When other amendments to the constitution were proposed, it was provided that "congress shall have power to enforce the article by appropriate legislation."

That does not bring in the species of camouflage adopted in the present resolution of amendment which stands openly in conflict with a constitutional provision already in force and one which the states should not allow to be changed.

Suppose the amendment were adopted and the state of New York refused to co-operate with the federal government in enforcing the law, what then? The federal forces would have to mobilize in New York and proceed to enforce the law by all the various methods now used by state and municipal officers.

Would that proceeding not savor more of German imperial methods than those of the most democratic government on earth? But assuming that the sovereign state of New York repudiated the law and fought its enforcement? Then civil war in which the other opposing states might join New York might be the result.

These are no exaggerated views of the dangerous possibilities of this amendment. And what is said of the prohibition amendment in this respect may be said also of the suffrage amendment should it be adopted, although the latter would not be fought so stubbornly as the former.

Both are questions that should be left to the individual states to settle. Thus disposed of, they will be settled right and the law will be respected and enforced as it will not be if imposed upon unwilling states by usurped federal authority.

It is worthy of note that a powerful lobby pushed the resolution through congress and members wishing to shift the responsibility from their own shoulders voted for the resolution. In a similar way a lobby will work upon the state legislatures for ratification; but in no case is the question to be submitted in the good old democratic way to a referendum of the people.

TEETHLESS LAW USELESS

The Federal Trade Commission has broken up at Washington, and secretly departed in various directions to investigate speculation in fuel and funds. "Full publicity of the findings will be given," says the commission, "but every care will be exercised to make certain of wrong-doing before bringing to bear the force of public opinion."

"The force of public opinion!" Huh! The fellow mean enough to hoard until the folks are frozen or starved enough to pay exorbitant prices is beyond the reach of public opinion. The consumer who is being skinned by the profiteer doesn't care a continental about anybody's opinion but his own, and that is that, in order to save what skin he has left, government has got to jail the skimmers mighty quick. It is true, and regrettable, that Billy Colver's fine Trade Commission's only weapon is publicity—a mere squirt gun, as to range and trajectory force, in the case of the profiteers. The Trade Commission might as well realize now that a teethless law will never be obeyed.

OUR CITY'S GOOD NAME

The voices of the Catholic pastors of Lowell are added to that of the press and other local public bodies in defense of the good name of Lowell against the slanderous charges circulated throughout New England to the effect that since the soldiers began to come here, Lowell has become a center of immorality.

This action of the pastors would have been taken sooner but for the fact that any such action on their part before the municipal election might have been regarded as an interference in politics. The testimony of the Catholic clergy as one body that the moral condition of our city—always excellent as compared with other cities—was never better than at the present time, cannot be gainsaid. In speaking thus for Lowell, the pastors also testify to the good name of our soldier visitors, all of which is due to Lowell and to the soldiers who have been equally maligned by irresponsible sensationalists.

AS TO MONUMENTS

The city government may well slay its hand a little in order that it may get a full list of the Lowell men who deserve monuments. What of Mr. Chadwick? If he is really dead, he has a prior claim and there are others; while in all probability there are many

to come. If the municipal council will hold off for a time, it may have an opportunity to build a great many monuments—and all this without the slightest reflection on the brave boy Rogers who lost his life in the sinking of the Jacob Jones.

Just at present the city has a few building projects on hand that are much more urgent than monuments unless the aim is to let public necessities wait until official whims and fancies are first disposed of.

SEEN AND HEARD

Little men in high places cast long shadows. Watches and rivers do not run long without winding.

A Fletcher street car is included in the things you don't often see.

The condition of the streets and sidewalks might be worse, but we can't imagine it.

Love is not a virtue, but a necessity. A man smokes because he likes to, he drinks because he wants to, but no man ever loved a woman if he could possibly help it.

Some Gunner! James W. McLellan of Prescott, Me., is back from a hunting trip with two buck deer and a big red fox. He killed the two deer with one shot, he says, and his reputation for truth is excellent. He says he fired at the fox just as the two bucks came out into the open and stopped. McLellan fired the nearest shot. The bullet went through its head and through the heart of the second, both dropping dead. He has the fox and the two deer to prove his story.

Was Butch?

Urging the erection of more statues of great Americans in London, Prof. Sumner of Harvard said: "I would have statues of every great American set up in London, so every Englishman may know the features and story of Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and many others." "Butch McDevitt has a statue which was not working the last we heard," Houston Post.

Off With the Old Love

A photographer had taken a portrait of a young woman. After an examination she took a dozen of them. A few days later the same young woman entered the photographer's studio with the dozen cabinet photos that had been made of her about a week before. "What?" exclaimed the photographer in dismay. "Bring them all back? Why, I thought they were very successful!"

"Oh, yes," she said, with a smile. "They are successful. I only want you to touch out the ring. I have a new young man."—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegram.

Traveling Stones

The famous traveling stones of Australia are rivaled by round stones, from the size of a pea to 8 inches in diameter, found in Nevada.

When distributed about upon the floor, table or other level surface, within 2 or 3 feet of each other, they immediately begin traveling toward a common center, and there lie huddled like a lot of eggs in a nest.

A single stone, removed to a distance of 3½ feet, upon being released, at once started off with wonderful and somewhat comical celerity to join its fellows, taking away 4 or 5 feet, it remained motionless.

These are found in a region that is comparatively level and is nothing but bare rock. Scattered over this barren region are little basins from a few feet to a rod or two in diameter, and it is in the bottom of these that the rolling stones are found.

The cause of these stones rolling

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together is doubtless to be found in the material of which they are composed, which appears to be lodestone or magnetic iron ore.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Between Eight and Three. Two little titmice escaped off the street car before both ends had stopped, dashed down Lane road and over Avenue street, and in a perfect fever of eagerness rang the Wickers' front doorbell. Middeur Wickers, recognizing his ring, opened the door herself. She had, in fact, been standing with a hand on the knob, waiting.

"Middeur!" he whispered tensely. "Twombles!" she breathed tensely back. Let us turn our heads as they rise. Five minutes have elapsed and they are still at it. We shall simply have to look to avoid a crack in the neck.

"Does my 'little Twombles' realize at its going and being so whole ten while hours since meams and himmie has saw each other?" she warbled. "Does my 'little Twombles' realize at the time wicked 10 hours have seemed like 10 wicked bad years to her 'little Twombles'?" he gurgled. And then, by degrees (they stopped to kiss twice in the vestibule and four times in the front hall), they found their way to the parlor sofa and sat there for seven consecutive hours in the tropical darkness of an unlighted lamp.—Detroit Free Press.

Waited Long For Them. Although several have preceded him as members of the family, the littlest boy has been a none the less important personage in the household. Pestered by older brothers, indulged by parents, he has remained the "baby" long after the little became pleasing to his ears.

If such a place has its privileges, it likewise has its drawbacks, especially in households where conservatism was an economic necessity long before Hoover became a national figure. It happened that there was very nearly a complete outfit ready when the stock arrived, the same coming down from a brother. He fitted into it nicely. He fitted into many other things as he grew—all handed down by predecessors. By unusual good fortune, everything that had been outgrown or laid aside fitted him as he thrived.

When dad arrived home on a recent evening "the tribe," as he calls them, appeared to be in the midst of a ceremonial war dance. The "baby" had the place of honor as leader; the "big cheese," as one of them put it, "Why the flag raising?" and in-

quired. "Gotta hand it to him at last," was older brother's reply, pointing to the youngest of the group. "Mamma was down town afternoon and she bought him some new clothes, the very first he's ever had!"

The Model Child. I am the only child that e'er was reared exactly right. I go to bed at 9 p. m. and sleep till morning light. I'd run a mile to get away from candy—horrid stuff! Unlike some boys, I cease to munch when I've had just enough. I crave the things I ought to have and hate the things I shouldn't. And when adjured to do a task I've never said I wouldn't. I'm guaranteed to bring no shame on any parent's head—I am the son Aunt Jane might have, if she had ever wed.

Poiteness is the thing I love far more than games or toys. I never bother round the guests or make the slightest noise. I speak when I am spoken to—at other I've never yet sassed any one nor ever, ever will. I lie in bed on Sunday morn till all the treat arise. And never let my parents know that sleep has left my eyes. I am the child about whose sins no ears were ever shed. The child Aunt Jennie might have had, if she had only wed. —Strickland Gillilan, in Farm Life.

BRITISH SHIP LOSSES SLIGHTLY REDUCED

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1000 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement last night. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

The shipping losses by mine or submarine in the past week are slightly under those of the previous week, when 14 vessels of more than 1000 tons and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

France Lost One Small Vessel. PARIS, Dec. 20.—The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending Dec. 15 were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1000 tons was sunk and none over 1000 tons. One ship was attacked, but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

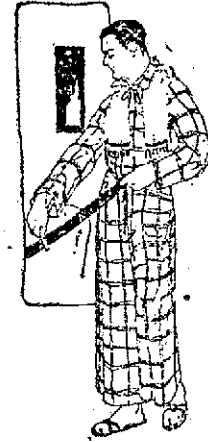
Italian Ship Lost. ROME, Dec. 19.—The weekly report of shipping losses shows that two sailing vessels of more than 100 tons and one of less than that size were sunk. One steamer was damaged by a mine, but reached port.

FORM LABOR EXCHANGES. HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 20.—Anticipating heavy labor demands by spring or earlier, the Connecticut council of defense is planning formation of labor exchanges throughout the state. They will act as a clearing house for the transfer of labor from "non-essential" to essential industries, including farms where, it is said, the labor shortage is likely to become a serious problem.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS DISMISSED FOR ALLEGED DISLOYAL VIEWS. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dismissal of Samuel Schmitz, A. Henry Schreier and Thomas Mufson, teachers in De Witt Clinton High school, recommended by the committee on high schools after finding them guilty of "holding views subversive of discipline and tending to undermine good citizenship in the schools" was ratified by the board of education yesterday. The teachers were accused of spreading disloyal propaganda in the classrooms.

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SMART CUT HOUSE COATS

—made from reversible cloths, collars, pockets and cuffs in the neat contrasting plaids of the reverse side of the cloth—Entirely new selection, in dark gray, brown, blue and green,

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Khaki-Kit, with unbreakable mirror, comb, nail file and ivory cleaner.65c

Khaki-Kit, containing unbreakable mirror, comb and aluminum drinking cup.\$1.00

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Khaki-Hold-All, rubber lined, containing unbreakable mirror, safety razor, military brush and comb, toothbrush and holder, tooth paste, shaving soap and nickel container, soap box, needles and thread and wash cloth.\$5.50

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HEAVY GALE HITS QUEENSTOWN

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A northwest gale, accompanied by snow and extreme cold, swept Queenstown Saturday night, according to a Central News despatch from that Irish port which was delayed on account of wire trouble. Many persons were injured in the streets. St. Colman's cathedral was damaged and the police barracks and many houses were unroofed. Giant waves swept over the vessels in the harbor and for several hours they were cut off from communication with the shore.

APPEAL FOR GIFTS FOR HALIFAX CHILDREN

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—An American Santa Claus must provide Christmas toys for hundreds of orphan and crippled children in hospitals here. The limited stock carried by local dealers has been exhausted. A committee of women to which was assigned the duty of bringing Christmas cheer to victims of the explosion and fire that laid bare the sea population section of Halifax found today that unless shipments were received from the United States within the next few days, plans for filling the stockings of destitute children could not be carried out. The bulk of holiday trade before the disaster was in the purchase of gifts for Nova Scotia forces overseas. These had been mailed for delivery on the battlefront next week, and Halifax, long afflicted by the horror of war, had planned for a quiet observance at home. Today, for the first time since the doors and windows of every room in the shopping districts were shattered,

the crowds in the street were able to see evidences that the holiday season was approaching. But the toy shops were empty, as the stocks on hand had been taken over by the women's committee and sent to general relief headquarters for distribution Monday night. The supply is inadequate and it is for this reason that Americans are asked to help immediately. Although diligent efforts have been made to obtain a full list of persons blinded by the explosion, it was announced at relief headquarters that no accurately approximate estimate was available. The number, however, may exceed 1000, including those who lost the sight of one or both eyes. Many of these are children and little gifts which they never will see are sadly needed to add to the measure pile of things about their hospital beds.

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so irregular that he would remain away for days at a time. They were married at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1913.

CARD. GIBBONS GIVES SANCTION

To Catholic Miners to Work on Holy Days Falling Within Holiday Season

Further Proposes That Saloons Might Co-operate by Closing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Gibbons gave his sanction today to Roman Catholic miners working on the holy days falling within the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

In a letter to Fuel Administrator Garfield he approved of a suggestion that miners take only Christmas day and New Year's day off and further proposed that saloons might co-operate by closing from 9 o'clock in the evening until 8 o'clock the following morning.

"This," the cardinal wrote, "surely would not work any hardship upon the miners; on the contrary it would benefit them and give them more time to spend with their families, while at the same time contribute to their greater efficiency."

"These are days of sacrifice, and I feel confident that our men in the coal fields will not be less generous of their best efforts than others in the country. Up to the present they have done splendidly and I have no reason to believe they would slow down in the least in their part of national service."

DEATHS

FARWELL—Walter H. Farwell, a Civil war veteran and a member of James A. Garfield Post No. 130, G.A.R., died yesterday at the Soldiers home in Chelsea. He was aged 72 years and 3 months. The body will be brought to

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this city for burial by Undertaker George W. Healey.

FARWELL—Died Dec. 19, in Chelsea, Mass., Walter H. Farwell, aged 72 years and 3 months, at the Soldiers home. He was a member of James A. Garfield Post No. 130, G.A.R. Mr. Farwell is survived by one brother, George F. Hayes of this city.

FUNERALS

CZABAN—The funeral of Andrew

Czaban took place this afternoon from the funeral parlors of Undertakers Amodeo Archambault & Sons in Merrimack street. Service was held at 2 o'clock in St. Casimir's church and burial was in St. Casimir's cemetery, Pelham, N. H.

CHAPMAN—The funeral services of Abbie R. Chapman were held at her home, 7 Putnam avenue, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Arthur S. Beale conducted the services. The bearers were Jesse W. Arthur, Walter and Herbert Chapman. Burial was in the family lot

in the Edson cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Beale. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

DUCHESNE—The funeral of Mrs. Hypolite Duchesne took place this morning from his home, 503 Moody st. At 9 o'clock a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Jean Baptiste church by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., as deacon, and Rev. Arnold Baron, O.M.I., as sub-deacon. The bear-



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Will all receive Christmas gifts. Don't slip up on the boys over here. They may go soon. Make this Christmas the greatest and best one ever. Our store is full of gifts that will gladden the hearts of the men folks.

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The universal Christmas gifts, but the place to buy Handkerchiefs is where you find the real values. We've been selling Handkerchiefs for over a half a century.

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From our Women's Section, including wearables that are right as to fashion and right as to value. Truly this is the best place to buy gifts of Women's Wear.

Cotton Petticoats 98c and \$1.98
Hand Made House Jackets \$1.98, \$2.98 and \$3.98
Shawls and Fascinators 49c to \$3.98
Raincoats \$5.98, \$7.98 and \$10.00
Serge Dresses \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.50
Embroidered Japanese Kimonos \$1.98
Raccoon Coats \$150 to \$250
Natural Muskrat Coats \$75 to \$125
Leopard Coats \$85.00
Natural Gray Squirrel Coats \$175.00

Children's Rain Capes \$2.50
Children's Sweaters \$1.98 and \$2.98
Children's Dresses 69c and 98c
Children's Fur Sets 98c, \$1.98 and \$2.98
Silk Petticoats \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$5.00
Blanket Bath Robes \$3.98 and \$5.00
Women's Sweaters \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$5.00
Silk Quilted Vests \$1.25 and \$2.50
Kimonos \$1.50 and \$1.98
House Dresses 98c, \$1.50 and \$1.98

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Our Christmas business on Waists is big owing to the values we are showing in Waists for the holiday shopping. Our new Waist Dept. is an unqualified success and all customers tell us that our styles and values are far ahead of the others.

WAISTS FOR 98c—A big assortment of cotton Waists, in white, black and colors, also grey flannel, semi-tailored and lace trimmed. Tailored Poplin Waists in white and black. All sizes.

WAISTS FOR \$1.98—A tremendous variety of new styles in French and domestic voile, in white and colors, either high or low neck, with and without frills.

WAISTS FOR \$2.98—Georgette and Crepe de Chine Waists, in pretty styles for Xmas, in white and flesh. All fresh and brand new.

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SATIN STRIPED WAISTS FOR \$2.98—See these pretty new stripes that just arrived. High neck and sailor collars. Sizes up to 46.

WAISTS FOR \$3.98 and \$5.00—An unsurpassable assortment of Silk and Georgette Waists, in white, flesh and the dark shades. We cannot duplicate these waists for less than \$7.50, so take advantage of this opportunity.

BLACK SILK WAISTS \$3.98 and \$5.00—A nice Black Waist is always acceptable and you will find a generous variety here. All sizes.

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Watch Bracelets

While we're not "Watch makers," as the old time sellers were called, still we know watch values. We have sought out the best from several worthy manufacturers and can guarantee the following—and our guarantee means absolute satisfaction.

Bracelet Watches, with 10-year gold case, warranted movement and sturdy bracelet \$10.00 Each

Sterling Silver Watches, with pig skin, mocha and seal straps, only \$9.75

Gun Metal Watches, with leather bracelets, fancy dials and gold hands, only \$8.50

14k Gold Watch Bracelets, with lever movements, warranted; special value, only \$16.00

Gold Filled Bracelets with engraved and plain octagon watch cases, seven jeweled movement, \$15, \$16.50, \$18.50 and \$21.00

Gold Filled Bracelet Watches, warranted 20-year cases and 16 jeweled movement, \$16.50 to \$24.00

West Section, Right Aisle

ers were Philippe and Arthur Duchesne, Edmond Cormier, Antonio and William Bourgeois and Louis Lanoix. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Augustin Graton, O.M.I. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

KELTY—The funeral of James F. Kelty took place this morning from his late home, 35 Varney street at 9 o'clock and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church where a solemn high mass of requiem was sung at 10 o'clock by Rev. Joseph Curtin, celebrant; Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., deacon; Rev. James T. McDermott, O.M.I., sub-deacon. Seated in the sanctuary were Rev. Mr. William O'Brien, Rev. T. Franklin Wood, O.M.I., and Rev. Fr. Gilbride, pastor of St. Mary's church, Collinsville. Among those from out-of-town in attendance at the funeral were Misses Julia and Bessie Leary, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. John Davey of Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Geogon of Ballardvale; Misses Mary C. and Christine Geogon of Lawrence; Daniel McCarthy and James Geogon of Ballardvale. The ushers at the house and church were Albert H. Sparks and James Quinn. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. Joseph Curtin, assisted by Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., and Rev. James T. McDermott, O.M.I., read the committal prayers. Undertaker Peter H. Savage had charge of funeral arrangements.

FUNERAL NOTICES

FARWELL—Died, Dec. 19, in Chelsea, Mass., Walter H. Farwell, aged 72 years and 3 months, at the Soldiers home. Funeral services will be held at the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, 79 Branch street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice.

KENNEY—The funeral of John H. Kenney will take place Friday morning from his home, 15 Leoux street, at 8 o'clock. At the Sacred Heart church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge.

SOUTER—Died in this city, Dec. 19, 1917, at St. John's hospital, Mr. William O. Souter, aged 72 years, a month and 29 days. Funeral services will be held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Scott, 229 Appleton street, on Friday, December 21, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

for the women's infirmary, one extinguisher for the institution kitchen, one extinguisher for the barn, 13 extinguishers, hook and two 10-foot lengths of cotton hose, 8 cut-off nozzles, two spanners and one hydrant wrench. The mayor immediately issued an order for the purchase of the above mentioned articles.

Now Is the Time
December 27 will be the last day of the year for the filing of bills with the municipal council if one expects to receive his money this year, for the council will meet on the 28th for a final approval of the 1917 bills.

Notice to Delinquents
City Treasurer Bourke has a corps of clerks at work preparing the demands for the unpaid real, personal and poll taxes for the year 1916 and the demands will be put in the mail by the first of the year. Fourteen days after the sending of the demands the city treasurer will get busy in collecting the bills and nothing will be spared to gather in the city treasury all money owed for taxes. Mr. Bourke stated this morning that the amount of unpaid taxes is much smaller than that of last year at the same time.

Record Payroll
The payroll for the week at city hall amounts to \$23,751.98, the largest this year. There has been no increase in pay recently as far as could be learned, but nevertheless the payroll has made a big jump. The water department is running full force, although in previous years at this period of the year a number of employees of the department were dropped from the payroll because of the fact that there was no construction work going on. Commissioner Brown stated this morning that his men are still working on the Rogers street extension, while the department is kept busy repairing leaks and other damages caused by the cold spell.

First Street Boulevard
The engineers of the city have staked off a part of the proposed First street highway for filling purposes during the winter months, but they were forced to stop work temporarily on account of the recent snow storm. As soon as conditions will warrant it the work will be resumed.

Keeping Their Jobs
As a result of the young men and young women of the city holding onto their jobs in the local mills, the attendance officers are enjoying a little rest. When a young man or young woman shifts from one job to another it is necessary for them to secure a transfer card at the office of the attendance officers at city hall. Mr. Thornton, chief attendance officer, stated this morning that a comparison of this month with December, 1916, shows a decrease in the issuance of cards of about 50 per cent.

Halifax Relief Fund
A cheque to the amount of \$8, collected in small amounts from the people of the Gosham Street P. M. church for the Massachusetts Halifax relief fund, was presented this morning by Mayor O'Donnell from Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor.

ARTHUR J. BRUNELLE WITH RICHARDS' CLOTHES SHOP IN CENTRAL STREET

Arthur J. Brunelle, nephew of Dr. Pierre Brunelle, has joined the forces of the Richard's Clothes Shop, Lowell's latest clothing store, and will be pleased to meet his many friends at the Central street store. Mr. Brunelle has had a lot of experience in the clothing business, having been em-



ployed for some time past at the Merrimack Clothing Co. Mr. Brunelle is well known among the younger element of the city and is a member of a number of social organizations. He assumed his new duties at the Richards shop this week and will be glad to meet his friends during the Christmas holidays. Manager James P. Sheehan is fortunate in securing such a capable assistant.

UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER SCHOOL TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO COMPLETE WORK

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20.—To enable students in engineering and chemistry to complete their work as soon as possible, in order that their services may be had by the government, Brown university will run an undergraduate summer school for 13 weeks during the vacation period next summer, President Faunce announced today.

Although built early in the Christian era without mortar, a stone church in Ireland still is in excellent condition.

THE DAY'S NEWS AT CITY HALL

Fire Chief Saunders at Mayor O'Donnell's request has made a thorough inspection of the fire fighting apparatus at the Chelmsford street hospital and as a result of his investigation the chief has recommended the purchase of the following: One extinguisher for the first floor of the men's hospital, one extinguisher for the second floor of the men's hospital, two extinguishers for the collar of the men's hospital, three extinguishers for the women's bawper department, three extinguishers

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THE SPELLBINDER

At this writing Mayor-elect Thompson had not named his private secretary but has his inaugural address under consideration. As he does not take office until Jan. 7th, he has an additional week in which to prepare for the duties of the office. The mayor-elect was an interested observer of the proceedings of last Tuesday's meeting of the municipal council, and after the meeting he called upon Mayor O'Donnell and talked on municipal matters in direct contrast to conditions of one year ago, nothing is heard concerning changes in the heads of departments, etc. One year ago a multitude of candidates for the different offices under the control of the municipal council were in evidence, and the members were beset by them. There is no talk of any proposed changes at the present time.

The Boston Election

While there were plenty who would wager on Curley or on Gallivan in the Boston mayoralty contest, when one stops to consider the situation from a disinterested viewpoint, he can see at a glance why it was a foregone conclusion that Peters would win. Peters had the republican vote to begin with. There are about 47,000 republicans in Boston, of whom some 23,000 go to the polls on election day. Then he had the endorsement of the Good Government association, which is composed of democrats and republicans, and he had his own democratic district of Dorchester. On the other hand, Tague had the support of East Boston and Charlestown, a strongly democratic district, which drew votes away from Curley. The district remained with Tague until the last moment and then shifted to Peters. Gallivan had the entire democratic district of South Boston, which meant so many more democratic votes away from Curley. At the last moment, however, Curley took the democratic West End away from Curley. Thus Curley was left with the city employees behind him, a strong machine undoubtedly, but not numerous enough to carry the city against such odds. On election day the sentiment in Boston was evenly divided between Gallivan and Peters and after the results were known the wise acres claimed that Gallivan would have beaten either Peters or Curley in a single fight, and predicted that he will be the next mayor after Peters. It was anything to defeat Curley, and Peters with the republican backing and the Good Government association behind him from the start was the most likely looking candidate to do it and he did it with the assistance of the disgruntled ones. And Peters, like the others, is a dyed-in-the-wool democrat.

The Canadian Results

The French-Americans of Lowell took much interest in the recent Canadian elections and were much disappointed when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was defeated. While defeated for the position of premier, Sir Wilfrid was given a seat in parliament from Quebec. His defeat was not aimed at him personally for the election was a question of policy not men, and conscription was the paramount issue. The liberals whom Sir Wilfrid represented were opposed to conscription, although Laurier offered to submit the question to the people, if elected, and agreed to abide by their decision. It is now expected that the government will put through a selective draft law after the fashion of that in vogue in this country and the indications are that there are some lively times ahead in the provinces. It is said that in the event of the success of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Lord Hailey-Laurier, at present mayor

of the City of Quebec, and well known in Lowell, would have been minister of the Province of Quebec. However, the defeat of Laurier's party does not injure Mayor Laurier's political future in Quebec, where he is one of the popular idols.

A Word for the Dependents

If a soldier's dependent owes you money and when you ask for a settlement replies that he or she is waiting for money from the government that is long overdue, that dependent is undoubtedly telling you the absolute truth, for the government, both federal and state, is slow in getting money to dependents, and many of them are suffering as a result, though apparently it can't be helped. A woman called at city hall a few days ago in a most disturbed frame of mind. Her husband, who is in France, had signed over \$12 per month out of his pay for her aid but since June she has not received any of it, and she is worrying lest the concern holding the mortgage on her home shall foreclose it. Many similar cases have become known at city hall, where the dependents look seeking assistance. Many dependents report that they have not received the \$10 per month state pay to which they are entitled. Complaint made to the state treasurer's office elicited the information that the money would be forwarded as soon as possible. If dependents are slow with their creditors, in a majority of cases it is because the government is slow in reimbursing them.

Memorial for Soldiers Dead

While it is eminently proper that the city should install some suitable memorial to the soldiers and sailors who have lost their lives in the service of this country during the present war, the proposition is such as to warrant serious thought before taking final action. It has been suggested that instead of erecting a monument in Warren park to one brave lad who gave up his life, a memorial tablet be placed in Memorial hall of sufficient size to permit the names of all who may pass away during the great conflict which is now just beginning, as far as this country is concerned. It is true that the country is slow to fall in the lead and Whitney by a monument in front of city hall, but those men had the glorious distinction of being the first Union soldiers, not only of Lowell but of the country to fall in the line of '61. Young Joe Harding, who was killed at Enfield while on guard duty with the Sixth, was the first Lowell boy to lose his life in the service for, although not engaged with the enemy, he was in the service of his country, nevertheless. Then there was the Lowell sailor who was killed at Hingham, Michael Chadwick and George Rogers, all of whom gave up their lives, each in his own branch of the service, though but two, Chadwick and Rogers, were actually in conflict with the enemy at the time. There may be others for aught we know, whose losses have not been reported. Erecting a monument to the memory of the soldier at this time might lead to serious and unpleasant complications later, and while the idea may have been well meant, it is not practicable and some other form of memorial that will include all would seem to be the proper way to honor the deceased brave of Lowell.

Take in the Tattered Flags

Have you noticed some of the flags that are flying in the winter breeze? The Kaiser would smile if he could see them, for they would indicate to him that this great country had become so impoverished that it can't afford a clean and entire flag. Some flags have been flying for months without ever being taken in and as a result they are soiled and in ribbons, but still they are

kept on their staffs. Let's have a new supply of flags or buns at all. Some of those now flying in this city are a disgrace. And this is no advertisement for the dealers in flags.

Donovan's Christmas Greetings

Corp. Jack Donovan of the Railway Engineers has sent his Christmas greetings to his Lowell friends on a postcard addressed to The Spellbinder. The card shows a picture of a beautiful monument erected to the memory of Jules Verne, author of "Around the World in 80 Days," "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," and other stories so dear to the boyish heart. The name of the place at which the statue is located has been carefully removed by the censor. The monument is a huge shaft of white marble surmounted by a bust of the author, while at the base in the foreground are the carved, life-sized figures of two boys and a girl, intently engrossed with story books, reclining in characteristic manner. From the postcard sent here by Corp. Donovan it is quite evident that he is improving his leisure time by visiting all points of interest within reaching distance of his base.

THE SPELLBINDER

MEN WHO FAIL TO REGISTER

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 19.—A vigilant outlook should be maintained by every person in Massachusetts, declared Governor McCall today, for men who have not registered for the draft. His statement was made to correct an erroneous impression that has circulated regarding the status of men who have failed to register for service under the Selective Service Act. The impression has been noised about that these men will be placed at the end of the lists and will not be drawn until last.

The governor said that there are now in this state undoubtedly quite a large number of men of draft age who did not register and are trying to evade the draft. As each man is located and registered—if not sent to prison for one year—his card is sent to the director of military enrollment, Mr. Gettym. If more than two cards are forwarded from the same district at the same time the director has a supplementary drawing and assigns to the first card drawn the serial number first remaining open on the list of the board, and the second card the second number until each card has its serial number.

These cards with their serial numbers are then returned to the local board, which applies the master list and fixes the order number of the registrant. If the number assigned by Mr. Gettym to be one of those near the top of the list, the registrant is placed on the order list in the place in which he originally would have been placed had he registered at the proper time.

Under the new system, when the final classification is finished, every registrant will be furnished with a certificate of final classification which he will be required to produce upon demand of the proper authorities. This certificate will finally fix every man's status and will be issued in card form of pocket size. A glance at this card will at once show, as time progresses, whether a man is out of camp properly and will serve the double duty of proving registration and compliance with the Selective Service law.

HOYT.

DANCING PARTY BY JAZZ CLUB BIG SUCCESS—POPULARITY CONTEST WINNERS

The dancing party conducted last evening at Associated hall by the jazz club was one of the most successful events of its kind for a long time. The affair was attended by over 1500 people, and all present spent a most enjoyable evening. Mier-Doyle's orchestra supplied music and the dancing was enjoyed until a seasonable hour. The officers in charge were John Payne, president; Timothy Linehan, treasurer; and Thomas Clark, secretary.

The result of the popularity contest between the local girls' clubs was announced as follows: First prize, Brimley Girls, 84 votes; 14,173. Second prize, Millitia Girls, 25 votes; 18,781. Third prize, Paragon Girls, 15 votes; 7,194. Fourth prize, Merry-makers, 10 votes; 527. The raffish for the Liberty bond was won by D. Marlowe of Medford, and in addition to these prizes, every girl selling 50 tickets received a residence set of picture sets were passed out in this manner.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Notes—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the coming attractions and of others to come later.

E. F. KEENE'S THEATRE

There's much real dash to the performance of the E. F. Keene's Highlanders, who are at the E. F. Keene's theatre, this week. The septet of instrumentalists and singers, clad in the garb of Highland kilts, work with despatch which is delightful to see. Eddie Dowling, the international comedian, is scoring a tremendous hit with his unusual chatter. Dowling is like no other funmaker on the stage and he is young and has that quality of irresistible pep. "Cranberries," which is also on the bill, is entertaining. It is competently played. And Adwell and "Punch" are a real pair, which is nothing if not original. The Trennels give circus stunts, and the Whites are nifty dancers. This week's engaging program features is "The Cinderella Man," with Mae Marsh playing the principal role. The Hearst-Pathe News pictures are also shown, showing strikes in Halifax. Phone 23.

OPERA HOUSE

If there were nothing else of merit in the presentation of dramatics at Sidney Toler's great dramatics it which is being produced this week by the New Emerson Players at the Opera House, then the great moral lesson that it tells that it would come itself to all persons, more particularly to mothers and daughters. The piece discusses in a bold, but clever way, the question of fortifying daughters against the evils of modern life and to protect them from the numerous pitfalls and dangers that lurk on every side. In his treatment of the subject the author has displayed wonderful tact and judgment. It brings the topic up strongly, but in a most inoffensive and smooth manner and leaves it at a point that carries conviction with it. One can't help learning real truths that are worthy of consideration after seeing this offering. In Miss Roloff and Mr. Dumbrill, who are playing the leading roles, are appearing in congenial part and their work is most commendable. The dramatic phases are handled remarkably well, while the lighter features of the piece are taken by the supporting cast in a manner that again reflects the general superior ability of the entire company. In staging the piece, Director Carroll Day has added materially to the success of the production. It would be well to order your seats for the remaining per-

formances immediately. Don't wait until the last minute. Next week the great musical comedy, "The Man Who Owns Broadway," with the entire company, augmented by local and out-of-town musical talent, will be the big attraction. Don't miss seeing it. The first performance Monday afternoon.

THE STRAND

The famous Pembroke estate on Long Island will be seen in "The Outsider," a Metro wonder play adapted from Louis Joseph Vance's novel, "Nobody," starring exquisite Jimmy Warden, which is to be shown at The Strand during the last three days of the week, commencing with matinee today. "The Outsider" required a magnificent residence with sumptuous surroundings and this famous estate was selected as being absolutely in keeping with the beautiful background of the Vance story. Capt. De Lamar, the owner of the estate, imported from Belgium some of the odd and remarkable plants and trees that now adorn his grounds. Herbert Horan, well known locally for his association with a local stock company last year, portrays the opposite role to Miss Warden and is said to be particularly interesting in the part. Hoyes is now a well known motion picture star, having supported Theda Bara in many of her biggest successes. Lowell people will undoubtedly be interested in the appearance of Mr. Hoyes in this offering.

"A Branded Soul," with Gladys Rockwell in the leading role, will also be shown, and this, too, should prove attractive to the lovers of superior photo-plays. The Mack-Sennett Keystone comedy, "The Travelogue and the new Strand Revue" will add to the pleasures of the program. The musical features, including Miss Greene, soprano, are also contributing factors in the success of the bill.

CHARGED WITH PLOT TO DESTROY SHIP YARDS

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 20.—Charged with planning the destruction of shipyard property, George Berger, an alleged German propagandist and said to be identified with the Industrial Workers of the World was arrested at the Chester shipbuilding plant yesterday and held for a hearing today. Lawyers found on the prisoner, according to the police, contained the statement that he "could do great damage to the shipyards here with proper materials."

MASS OF REQUIEM A second mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of the late George F. H. Rogers, the Lowell seaman lost on the Jacob Jones, was celebrated yesterday morning at the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. A previous mass had been celebrated at St. Michael's church on Monday morning. Rev. Jas. T. McDermott, O.M.I., was the celebrant of yesterday's mass. Rev. T. Franklin Wood, O.M.I., was deacon and Rev. William F. Mahan, O.M.I., sub-deacon. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the deceased. Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., spoke out-

logistically of the young man, who had been a member of the Sacred Heart parish for many years and a graduate of the Sacred Heart school.

MASS, MAN ON CASUALTY LIST OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20.—The Canadian over-seas casualty list issued last night includes the name of Lieut. R. H. Sawyer of Townsboro, Mass., who is reported dead through German sources.

COPIES OF INFANTRY DRILL REGULATIONS PRESENTED TO HARVARD RESERVE OFFICERS CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 20.—Leather bound copies of the infantry drill regulations were presented to each of the 1100 members of the Harvard university reserve officers' training corps today. They were given by the Harvard Illustrated Magazine.

Mrs. H. G. Anderson of Juneau, Alaska, averaged \$17.70 a day picking berries last summer.

PRESENTED GAS LAMP Rev. Francis L. Shea of St. Peter's parish was recently presented a valuable gas lamp by the members of the Children of Mary society of the parish as a token of their appreciation for the services which he has rendered the society since becoming its spiritual director. Fr. Shea succeeded Rev. W. George Mullin in this capacity when the latter left St. Peter's to assume the pastorate of the Church of the Sacred Heart parish at Manchester-by-the-Sea.

GIVE WAR SAVINGS STAMPS TO EMPLOYEES IN PLACE OF TURKEYS

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Many large industrial and commercial concerns in this state which have been in the habit of distributing turkeys to their employees on Christmas day have substituted government war savings stamps this year. Others have given employees thrift cards started with 25-cent stamps. Stamps to the value of nearly half a million dollars have been bought in this state.

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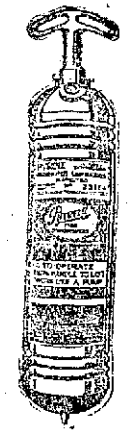
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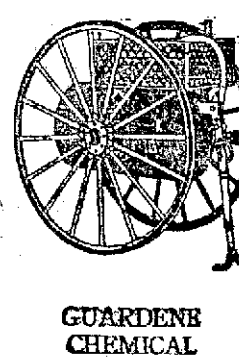
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STATE OF SIEGE IN PETROGRAD

A state of siege has been proclaimed in Petrograd and the Ukrainian Rada has refused to obey an ultimatum presented by the Bolshevik government. Disorders had occurred in the capital due to the closing of wine cellars and shops.

Relations between the Ukraine and the Bolshevik government have not been cordial. The Ukraine has refused to permit Maximalist troops to cross its territory to attack Gen. Kaledine and several days ago Bolshevik troops attacked the Rada as it was sitting in Odessa and were defeated by Ukrainian troops. The Bolshevik government has accused the Ukrainian Rada of being friendly to the constitutional democrats and the Cossacks, the main factors behind the counted revolution.

Cossacks for Independence
Rostov-on-the-Don, recently reported captured by the Bolsheviks, is now said to have been occupied Monday by the Cossacks of Gen. Kaledine who, according to another recent rumor, had been arrested by his own officers. The Cossack leader, according to a despatch reaching London from Petrograd, had proposed to the Bolsheviks that civil strife come to an end by declaring the independence of the Don territory and providing against Maximalist intervention there.

Italians Resist Attacks
Between Monte Grappa and the Brenza on the Italian northern front, the Italians are resisting desperately renewed Austro-German efforts to break through the hills to the plains. The Italians, after withstanding strong

attacks and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, were forced to retire to new positions when the invaders brought up reserves. On the southern end of the Piave line the Austro-Germans have been checked in several attempts to cross the river.

On the Western Front

On the western front the Germans have not yet given strong indication of where their advertised drive is to begin. The German guns continue to bombard various sectors along the front from the North sea to the Swiss border, including the Ypres and Champagne areas and enemy raiding parties are harassing the British and French soldiers.

British Repulse Raids

Enemy raids have been repulsed by the British in the Arras area and northeast of Ypres, while the French have repulsed an attack at Regnoville, northwest of Verdun. German's present strength on the western front is estimated to approximate the maximum reached last July, when it was 155 divisions. The allies, however, are believed to have a superiority in numbers.

Shipping Losses

British shipping losses for the past week total 17, a decrease of four compared with the previous week. The number of ships of more than 1500 tons lost remained stationary, the reduction being in vessels under 1500 tons.

Portuguese Troops Repulse Germans

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A raid attempted by the enemy last night, southeast of Laverda was repulsed by Portuguese troops, says an official statement issued today from British headquarters in France and Belgium. Except for hostile artillery activity in the neighborhood of Passchendaele there is nothing further to report.

German War Report

BERLIN, Dec. 19, via London.—The official statement issued by the German war office today says: "Western theatre: The artillery activity was moderate owing to the storm and blizzard. In Flanders and west of

Cambray there was a slight increase in the firing toward evening. Reconnoitering detachments along the British front northwest of Ploeghe on the east bank of the Meuse and southwest of Thann (Alsace) brought in British and French prisoners. "Macedonian front: There was firing at times in the Corra bend and between the Vardar and Lake Dorian."

British Aviation Activities

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The official statement on aviation activities issued by the British war office tonight reads:

"Heavy snow prevented flying on Monday except on a small portion of the northern front. In this locality a certain amount of work was done by our airplanes and bombs were dropped on a hostile airdrome near Courtrai. Enemy trenches also were attacked with bombs and machine gun fire. At night the station at Roulers and the stations at Menin were bombed heavily by us.

"In air fighting two German machines were brought down in our lines and two others were driven out of control. One of our machines is missing."

Bolshevik Blames Allies

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—The Bolshevik newspapers are complaining that the presence of the allies military missions in the Ukraine is encouraging Gen. Kaledine, leader of the counter revolution against the Maximalist government. Answering this complaint on behalf of the American military mission of which he is chief, Lieut. Col. W. W. Judson says that all American officers are in Petrograd.

Refused to Obey Ultimatum

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, has sent negative answer to the ultimatum of the council of people's commissaries, the Bolshevik government.

Cossacks Take Tcheliabinsk

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—Oreburg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviks have occupied Tcheliabinsk, a junction on the trans-Siberian railroad, according to a report received by the Den.

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15c Pure Currant Jell...12½c
25c Raspberry Jam, jar...22c
25c Rich Mince Meat, lb...22c
20c Aunt Jane's Piccalilli...15c
30c Orange and Lemon Peel, lb...25c
32c Drained Citron, lb...28c
18c Hatchet Raisins, pkg...14c
\$1 Brandy Peaches...85c
Ward's Cakes...12c
Soft Shell Walnuts, lb...23c
20c Large Castanas, lb...16c
25c Mixed Nuts, lb...20c
15c Monad. Popcorn...12½c
35c Layer Figs, lb...28c
20c Drom. Dates, pkg...17c
65c Walnut Meats, lb...60c
Fancy Cluster Raisins...35c
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20c Red Salt Salmon, lb...15c
18c Boneless Cod, lb...15c
25c Package Cod...23c
8c Salt Herring, 3 for...20c
7c Smoked Herring, each...5c
35c Smoked Halibut, lb...33c
30c Fancy Red Salmon, can 28c
20c Pink Salmon, can...18c
15c Sardines, in Olive Oil, 12½c

MEATS

Fresh Shoulders, lb...27c
Small Pork Loins, lb...28c
Sirloin Roasts, lb...30c
Heavy Salt Pork, lb...29c
Choice Broilers, lb...30c
Small Spare Ribs, lb...19c
Boneless Pot Roasts, lb...22c
Legs of Spring Lamb
Loins of Spring Lamb
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Shanks of Reed Hams
Small Star Hams, lb...32c

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Florida Oranges, doz...50c
Jonathan Apples, doz...20c
Baldwin Apples, pk...45c
Large Bananas, doz...25c
St. Andrew Turnips, 5 lbs...10c
Turbin Squash, lb...3c
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Children's Bracelets, plain and extension...50c to \$4.00
Fancy Boxed Hat Pins, 25c, 50c
Sterling Silver Hat Pins...50c
Beauty Pins, 2 in a card; suitable for stocks...25c
Combs set with brilliants...50c
Children's Bib Fasteners, silver and gold...50c
Rosary Beads, complete assortment...50c to \$4.49
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TWO BAY STATE BOYS DIE IN FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Gen. Pershing today reported the deaths of Private James N. Gravelle, engineer, Dec. 17, cerebro spinal meningitis; mother, Mrs. Gravelle, 41 Kingman street, East Fitchburg, Mass., and Private Milton S. Marks, engineer, Dec. 17, pneumonia; father, A. S. Marks, 50 Walden street, West Lynn, Mass.

127 INMATES OF N. H. STATE PRISON JOIN THE RED CROSS

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 20.—In the Red Cross membership drive 127 inmates of the New Hampshire state prison have been enrolled, more than 50 per cent. of the prison population. The men paid their own membership fees under the system which allows them a part of their earnings in the prison shop.

MATRIMONIAL

Horace M. Emery and Miss May Weiss were married yesterday at St. Peter's rectory; the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. J. Heffernan. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Weiss, while the best man was Thomas F. McDonough.

SAUNDERS MARKET EMPLOYEES WILL DO "THEIR BIT" IN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

There is great Red Cross enthusiasm at Saunders market and the management expects that before the week end every employee of the market will be a Red Cross member. The enthusiasm of the concern is not confined to the store. They talk it to customers and outsiders and their enthusiasm is absolutely inspiring. At the noon hour today the employees heard a very interesting talk by Mrs. George A. Leahy, wife of Dr. Leahy. Mrs. Leahy was introduced by Mrs. Saunders and her talk was very clear cut and interesting. She said that among the agencies

which are rendering invaluable service none has done more to alleviate suffering and to lighten the heavy burdens which the peoples of the allied nations are carrying than has the Red Cross. She called attention to the fact that if this great organization is to carry on its work to the fullest fruition it must enroll within its membership all patriotic and liberty-loving persons, regardless of race or creed, and it must be supported financially by all who believe in the ideals of democracy.

A Pittsfield, Mass., man sweetens his coffee with chocolate drops.



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THE STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Indications that investors may suffer by reason for the complicated railway situation caused further substantial declines to new minimums at the opening of today's stock market. Baltimore & Ohio common dropped 2 points and preferred point on postponement of the usual dividend declaration. South Pacific lost a point and other rails yielded large fractions. Union Pacific made an initial 1 3/4 points, all of which was soon surrendered. Industrials, equipments and the utilities also tended lower after an irregular opening. Liberty bonds were unchanged.

Additional low records of the morning included trans-continental, grangers, coalers and cotton carriers at recessions of 1 to 2 points. Among industrials P. S. Steel, Crucible Steel, Mexican Petroleum, Texas Co., American Tobacco and National Lead yielded 1 to 4 points. Selling started after the first hour and by noon prices had fallen 1 to 2 points among the leaders. Bonds were heavy, the Liberty 4 1/2 changing hands at 97 1/2 to 97 3/4, and the 3 1/2 at 98 1/2 to 98 3/4, the latter quotation representing a new minimum. Stocks showed distinct improvement in the early afternoon. Steels, equipments, active equipments and oils rose 1 to 3 points and some of the standard rails made similar response. Anglo-American bonds strengthened. The Calumet were considerably increased in the final hour at extreme advances of 2 to 6 points. The closing was strong. Liberty 4 1/2 were traded in at 97 1/2 to 97 3/4 and the 3 1/2 at 98 1/2 to the new minimum of 98 1/2.

Cotton Futures
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Cotton futures opened steady. December 30.32; January 29.15; March 28.66; May 28.58; July 28.50.

Futures closed steady. December, 30.37; January, 29.60; March, 29.18; May, 28.50; July, 28.57. Spot quiet; middling, 31.10.

NEW YORK Clearings
\$55,862,316; balances \$16,442,337.

Money Market
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Mercantile paper, 5% to 5 1/2. Sterling, 60-day bills, 4.11 1/4; commercial, 60-day bills on banks, 4.71; commercial, 60-day bills, 4.70 1/2; demand, 4.15 1/4; cables, 4.16 1/2. Demand, 5.73 1/2; cables, 5.71 1/2. Gold, 4 1/2-5; cables, 4.1-4.14. Demand, 8.35; cables, 8.33. Rubles: Demand, nominal, 12 1/2; cables, 12 1/2. Bar silver, 86 1/2. Mexican, 68. Government bonds, heavy; railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans, strong; 60 days, 90 days and six months, 6 1/2. Call money strong, high, 5; low, 4; ruling rate, 5; closing bid, 5 3/4; offered at 6; last loan, 6.

NEW YORK MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Allis Chalmers	15 1/2	15	15 1/2
Am Beet Sugar	65	64 1/2	65
Am Can	88	87 1/2	88
Am Can Pk	88	87 1/2	88
Am Car & Pn	62	61	62
Am Cit Oil	21	20 1/2	21
Am Hides	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Am Hide & L	44	43 1/4	44
Am Locomo	48	46 1/2	48
Am Smelt & R	69 1/2	67 1/2	69 1/2
Am Smelt & R pf	89 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2
Am Sugar Rtn	92 1/2	92	92 1/2
Am Sumatra	55 1/2	55	55 1/2
Am Wool	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
Am Wool pf	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
Auacunda	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
Atchafon	77 1/2	76	77 1/2
Atchafon pf	75 1/2	75	75 1/2
Atlantic Gulf	91	90 1/2	91
Hallam Loco	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
Balt & Ohio	49 1/2	49	49 1/2
Balt & Ohio pf	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2
Beth Steel A	68	67 1/2	68
Beth Steel B	85 1/2	85	85 1/2
Bk Rap Trans	37	36 1/2	37
Cal Pac	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Cal Pac pf	32	31 1/2	32
Canadian Pa	129	128 1/2	129
Cast I Pipe	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
Cast I Pipe pf	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
Cent Leather	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2
Cent Leather pf	97	96 1/2	97
Chic & Ohio	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
Chic & Ohio pf	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/2
Chic R I & Pac	16 1/2	16	16 1/2
Chile	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2
Col Fuel	72	71 1/2	72
Colsoil Gas	77 1/2	76	77 1/2
Coru Products	28 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2
Corn Products pf	30 1/2	30	30 1/2
Crucible Steel	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
Cuba-Cane Sugar	26 1/2	26	26 1/2
Del & Hud	90 1/2	90	90 1/2
Del L & W	168	167 1/2	168
Den & Rio G	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dis Secur Co	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
Erie	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2
Erie 1st pf	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Erie 2d pf	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Gen Elec	120 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2
Gen Motors	89	88 1/2	89
Goodrich	33	32 1/2	33
Gr North pf	81	80 1/2	81
Gr N Ore	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/2
Illinois Cen	86	85 1/2	86
Int Met Com	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2
Int Met Com pf	40	39 1/2	40
Int Mer Marine	19 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/2
Int Mer Marine pf	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
Int Paper	23 1/2	23	23 1/2
Int Paper pf	53	52 1/2	53
Kan City	29 1/2	29	29 1/2
Kan City pf	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Kan & Texas	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Lackawanna Steel	72	71 1/2	72
Lehigh Valley	51 1/2	51	51 1/2
Louis & Nash	106	105 1/2	106
Maxwell	23 1/2	23	23 1/2
Maxwell 2d	19 1/2	19	19 1/2
Mex Petroleum	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Mohawk Steel	41 1/2	41	41 1/2
Missouri Pa	22 1/2	22	22 1/2
Nat Lead	38	37 1/2	38
N Y Air Brake	110	109 1/2	110
N Y Central	64 1/2	64	64 1/2
Nor & West	94	93 1/2	94
North Pacific	77 1/2	77	77 1/2
Ont & West	20	19 1/2	20
Pacific Mail	26	25 1/2	26
Pennsylvania	41 1/2	41	41 1/2
People's Edge	35 1/2	35	35 1/2
Pitts Coal	39	38 1/2	39
Pressed Steel	51	50 1/2	51
Pullman Co	108	107 1/2	108
Ry St Sp Co	40 1/2	40	40 1/2
Reading	67 1/2	67	67 1/2
Rep Iron & S	72 1/2	72	72 1/2
Rep I & S pf	90 1/2	90	90 1/2
St Paul	37 1/2	37	37 1/2
Stess-Sheffield	34 1/2	34	34 1/2
So Pac	78 1/2	78	78 1/2
Southern Ry	22 1/2	22	22 1/2
Southern Ry pf	54	53 1/2	54
Studebaker	43 1/2	43	43 1/2
Tenn Copper	14 1/2	14	14 1/2
Tenn Pac	13 1/2	13	13 1/2
Third Ave	14	13 1/2	14
Union Pacific	104 1/2	104	104 1/2
U S Ind Alcohol	107 1/2	107	107 1/2
U S Rub	47 1/2	47	47 1/2
U S Steel	82 1/2	82	82 1/2
U S Steel pf	104 1/2	104	104 1/2
U S Steel ss	82 1/2	82	82 1/2
Utah Copper	72	71 1/2	72
Vt Chem	30 1/2	30	30 1/2
Wabash A	87 1/2	87	87 1/2
Wabash B	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/2
Willis Overland	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/2
Wis Con	33	32 1/2	33
Westernhouse	35 1/2	35	35 1/2
Western Un	17	16 1/2	17

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Weakness marked the early trading on the local stock exchange today. Calumet & Hecla sold down 3 points to 41, the low mark of the year, and other mining shares showed fractional declines.

BOSTON MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Boston & Albany	125	125	125
Boston Elevated	30	29 1/2	29 1/2
Bos & Maine	7	6 1/2	6 1/2
Fitchburg pf	49	48 1/2	49
N Y & N H	28	27 1/2	28

MINING

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Adventure	14	13 1/2	14
Amick	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Amick Gold	14	13 1/2	14
Algonquin	25	24 1/2	25
Algonquin	16	15 1/2	16
American Zinc	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
Argentine	13	12 1/2	13
Arizona	23	22 1/2	23

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Butte & Superior	13	12 1/2	13
Cal & Arizona	55 1/2	55	55 1/2
Cal & Hecla	11	10 1/2	11
Centennial	11	10 1/2	11
Chino	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2
Copper Range	40 1/2	40	40 1/2
Daily West	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Davis Daily	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
D. Butte	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
Franklin	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Granby	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Greene-Canaan	35	34 1/2	35
Hancock	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Indiana	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Insular	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Isle Royale	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
Kerr Lake	5	4 1/2	5
Lake	5	4 1/2	5
Lake Superior	5	4 1/2	5
Mass	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Mayflower	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/2
Michigan	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Mohawk	59	58 1/2	59
Nevada	16 1/2	16	16 1/2
New Jarla	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2
Northern	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2
North Butte	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2
No. Lake	50	50	50
Old Dominion	35 1/2	35	35 1/2
Oscoda	55	54 1/2	55
Quincy	62	61 1/2	62
Ray Con	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
Santa Fe	70	70	70
Shattuck Ariz	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
St. Mary	49	48 1/2	49
Superior	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
Superior & Boston	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
Superior	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
Tulameen	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
U S Smelting	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
U S Smelting pf	43 1/2	43	43 1/2
Utah	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2
Utah Cons	3 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/2
Utah Metal	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/2
Winnona	31	30 1/2	31
Wolverine	31	30 1/2	31

TELEPHONE

Am Tel & Tel	98 1/2	98	98 1/2
New Eng Tel	96 1/2	96	96 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS

Am Ag Chem Co	75	75	75
Am Ag Chem pf	90 1/2	90	90 1/2
Am Fluor	1	1	1
Am Fluor pf	1	1	1
Am Woolen	39	38 1/2	39
Mass Gas	82 1/2	82	82 1/2
Island Creek Coal	52	52	52
Mass Elec pf	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Mass Gas	82 1/2	82	82 1/2
Mass Gas pf	82 1/2	82	82 1/2
Pond Creek	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/2
Swift & Co	118 1/2	118	118 1/2
United Fruit	108	107 1/2	108
United Fruit pf	38	37 1/2	38
United Sh M pf	26	25 1/2	26
Ventura	4 1/2	4 1/4	4 1/2

BONDS

Am Tel & T	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
—Ex-Div.	86 1/2	86	86 1/2

MUST BUILD MORE SHIPS TO BEAT U-BOATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The facts of Germany's submarine campaign were laid before President Wilson yesterday. Details showing how much damage has been done in the last 10 months were taken to the White House by Bainbridge Colby of the shipping board and Vance McCormick of the war trade board, who returned with the House mission from the allied conference.

It is believed the president was warned that the allies take greater steps before they can hope to combat the effectiveness of the German underwater campaign. McCormick spent more than an hour going over with the president the information they obtained from Chairman Hurley of the shipping board accompanied them. Every step the Germans have taken on the sea was reviewed, so far as McCormick was able to check up on them. It is believed the president was impressed with the fact that the submarine interference with allies' shipping has been much greater than either France or England has yet admitted. Neither Hurley nor McCormick would give any indication of the figures they laid before the president.

COUNTS THE U. S. NAVY AS LEADING FACTOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Arthur Pollen, the British naval expert, who has sailed for Europe after spending six months in the United States, gave to the Associated Press a statement in which he said that the campaign of the allied navies against the submarine has at last resulted in keeping the world's ship tonnage from showing a monthly decrease, or will soon do so.

Mr. Pollen gives credit for this success to the change in the chief command carried out by the British admiralty last spring and the participation in the campaign of the American navy. Mr. Pollen pointed out that six months ago the German submarines were causing a net attrition in the world's tonnage at the rate of nearly 25 per cent. annually. Last month Great Britain launched as much tonnage as she lost; the first ship laid down by the United States since the war has been launched, and within the next 12 months a substantial portion of the 6,000,000 tons provided for in this country will undoubtedly be afloat. Great Britain's shipbuilding program will similarly increase month by month and moreover the campaign of the allied navies against the submarine will grow in value week by week, he said.

"The significance of this to the fortunes of war does not have to be pointed out," he then continued. "It means that Germany's flank attack on allied communications has failed, and there is no reason why ultimately the full military power of Great Britain, France and Italy and most important of all, of the United States, should not

Says Workmen Played Checkers While Waiting for Work in Rifle Factory

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Workmen played checkers while waiting for work in a factory that was making rifles on a cost plus cost contract, according to Fred H. Colvin, editor of the American Machinist, who testified today before the senate military committee, which is investigating delays in equipping the army.

He criticized ordnance officers for imposing too rigid rifle specifications. Requirements for interchangeability of the parts, he said, delayed production three months last summer, and in this connection he cited a private factory where the checker playing occurred last August.

He felt in the western theatre of war. This is a tremendous result.

Speaking of the change in the chief command in the British admiralty, Mr. Pollen said:

"In bringing about this new order of things at Whitehall, the reformers were undoubtedly assisted, first by the fact that an extremely effective, well-equipped and brilliantly commanded first-hand experience of the reality of war was at work in a very important area of the theatre of war, and next by the British government waking up to the truth that the belligerency of America meant not only the co-operation of a very gallant and

The Springfield arsenal had some machinery 50 years old, while many ordnance officers, he asserted, had no special training to qualify them.

Correspondence with Secretary Baker, which the witness produced, disclosed that Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, had said Mr. Colvin should be barred from inspecting arsenals because he insisted expert machinists and not army officers should be in charge.

Additional testimony regarding delay in machine gun production was given by Vice President Hanson of the Colt Arms company, at Hartford, Conn.

Although the new Browning type was adopted last May, he said, no con-

tract was made until July. Because of need to prepare new machinery, his deliveries would not begin until April. His firm, however, is making deliveries on previous orders of Vickers machine guns, some contracted for a year ago.

In reply to questions by Senator Wadsworth, Mr. Hanson admitted that if machine guns had been promptly ordered when the government went into war Gen. Pershing's machine gun units now would not be required to use French arms and ammunition.

Upon conclusion of Hanson's testimony the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow, when Quartermaster Sharpe is to be examined.

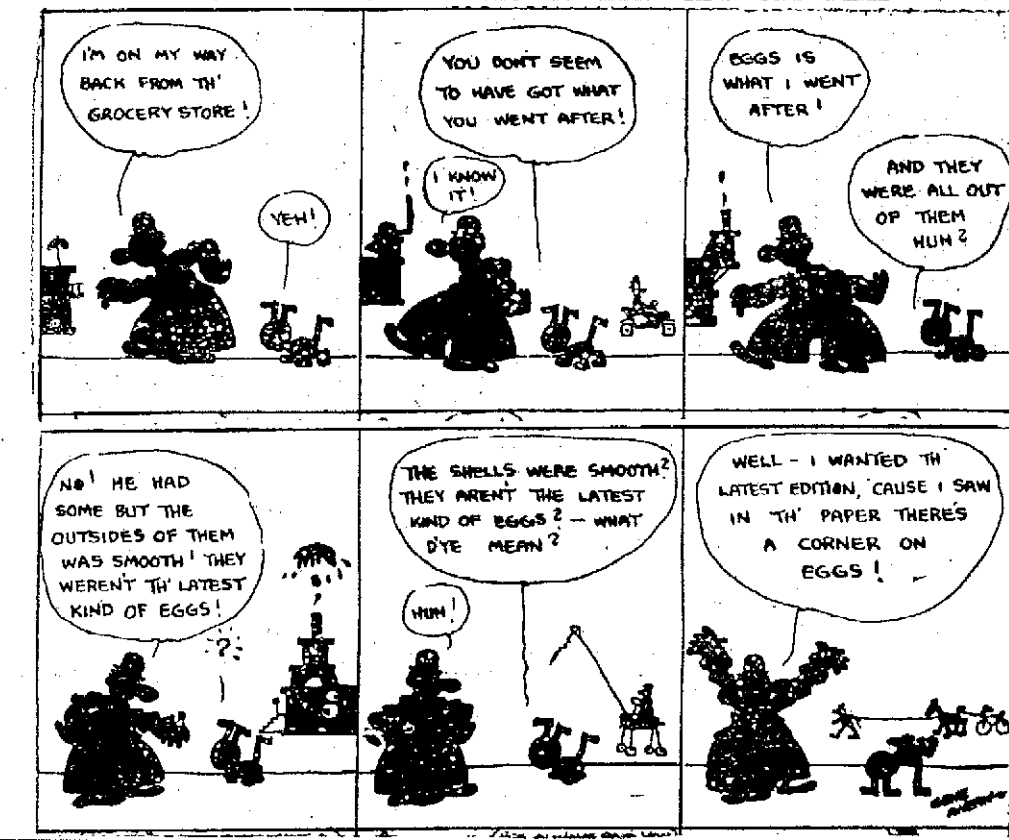
ment that much of the improved efficiency of the counter-campaign is due to this intellectual stimulus.

Mr. Pollen paid tribute to Secretary Daniels of the navy, praising what he described as the secretary's policy of obtaining loyal teamwork by allowing the forces under his orders to be directed, in strictly professional matters, "according to the judgment and advice of the singularly able and efficient officers that, so to speak, form his council of war."

Adverting to the recent North sea raid by German forces, Mr. Pollen said:

"The only remarkable thing about

WE MADE IT THIS WAY TO KEEP THIS ONE DARK



BOSTON LADIES' OUTFITTERS



FURS! FURS!

CANNING CAUSED SUGAR FAMINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Partial blame for the sugar shortage was laid today to the canning campaign by Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Co., who testified at the sugar investigation.

Americans consumed 400,000 tons more in 1917 than the year previous, he said, and 200,000 tons of Cuban sugar usually coming to this country went abroad. He described the situation with the adage, "you can't eat your cake and have it too."

"The demand as a result of the canning campaign was enormous," he said. "Instead of sugar being in sugar bowls it is in fruit jars."

Foundation for the shortage was laid

while refiners held large stocks last February, he said, by sensational stories of a threatened famine and strikes caused by the industrial workers of the World. He did not say who he believed was responsible for the stories.

Consumers began to hoard, he said, and during the spring and summer demands upon the refiners were unprecedented. When consumers began to hoard refiners raised prices, he said, but refiners did not increase prices correspondingly, as they did not desire to increase the alarm.

Added to the scare stories came reports of a Cuban revolution and destruction of cane fields which stimulated the demand greatly, Babst said. Then after stocks became low there developed a difficulty in getting raw sugar, and when it was impossible to supply the eastern trade with cane sugar the car shortage prevented new beet sugar from being sent east.

Trinidad government experts who have been experimenting have found that several native vegetable products can be economically and successfully ground into flour for use with wheat in bread.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF EDITH GODBEY

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Edith Godbey, a white woman, of Charleston, W. Va., chief witness for the government, was put through a searching cross-examination today at the resumption of a hearing before Federal Commissioner Hayes in the case of John Johnson, a negro, wanted in West Virginia on a federal indictment charging violation of the Mann act.

In the course of her direct examination yesterday the young woman told in detail of her relations with Johnson and testified that she went from Charleston to Catlettsburg, Ky., to join him, returning home later on transportation which he provided. Attorneys for the defense obtained from her, after much questioning, an admission that she was first asked to testify in the federal proceedings about the time Gov. McCall declined to grant a request by Gov. Cornwell for the return of Johnson to that state and stand trial for alleged assault on a white girl.

Today William H. Lewis, counsel for Johnson, attempted to question Miss Godbey concerning her dealings with the police at Charleston and an alleged attack by her on a citizen, but this was ruled out by the commissioner on the ground that it had no bearing on the case. The witness, however, denied the lawyer's charges.

Attempted Suicide Twice

Miss Godbey testified that on two occasions she attempted to end her life by poisoning, once, she said, with Johnson standing over her with a revolver.

"Was Johnson really present when you took the poison?" Lewis asked.

"No," she answered after a moment's

hesitation.

Denial was made by the witness when asked if she had been convicted on a charge of robbery, although she admitted that she had been convicted and fined for intoxication.

Asked if she had a kindly feeling for the defendant, Miss Godbey declared: "No, I have not."

"Is it your desire to see him suffer?"

"Yes," she replied, in a tone scarcely audible.

"Do you wish to see him in prison?"

"Yes."

At this point the court recessed.

XMAS ISSUE OF HIGH SCHOOL REVIEW

The Christmas issue of the High School Review made its appearance today and there is an abundance of good things in the holiday number. Several Christmas short stories give the issue a holiday atmosphere, while the timely element is catered to by several poems and an extract of a letter sent to a pupil of the school by Robert Ward, a high school graduate, who is now with the medical corps of the Regular army at Fort Niagara, N. Y. The letter is an interesting portrayal of the Regular army by a former high school boy.

The 27th annual ball of the high school officers will be held at the Casino on Monday night. The committee are now hard at work in arranging the details of the many phases of the event.

It was announced today that the high school track team for 1918 will be coached by Mike Haggerty, a prominent local athlete. Practice will begin immediately after the Christmas vacation. Only one "A" man will return to the squad this year, Capt. Warren Mansur. It is expected, however, that there will be plenty of new material to round out a fast team.

All members of the high school regiment will be obliged to appear in uniform shortly after the Christmas vacation, according to an order issued this week by Maj. Walter R. Jeyes, military instructor.

MORE RED CROSS MEMBERS

Red Cross membership campaign workers reported last evening in Memorial hall. More accurately speaking, some of the workers reported. And some of the workers who did report gave only partial reports. It was a very inconclusive affair.

When Campaign Manager Robert F. Marden had "figgured" up the totals it was found that 2237 new names had come in since Monday's report making a total to date of 2907. Mr. Marden, however, is confident that about 500 new members have been signed up, but for one reason or another a great majority of these have not yet been reported by the workers.

It is expected that Friday and Saturday will be the banner days of the campaign because then thousands of people will have received their wages and will be able to do their bit for the Red Cross. For this reason it is anticipated that the real sweep and breadth of the drive locally will not be realized until next Monday or perhaps next Wednesday. The Monday of the campaign. The more workers are urged to hold back their subscription reports not one minute longer than is absolutely necessary because the campaign officials wish to keep a little ahead of the game if possible so that an avalanche of subscriptions will not have to be taken care of at the tail end of the drive.

Lowell's quota, including surrounding towns, is 50,000 1918 members of the Red Cross. This does not necessarily mean that 50,000 new members must be obtained although that would be highly desirable. But Lowell must have 50,000 names of her residents on the Red Cross membership books by next Wednesday evening. For this reason both the general public and the campaign canvassers will have to get busy immediately.

Although Lowell has done consistently good work so far in the drive for members, nevertheless, she is behind on page three

GREAT DEMAND FOR ALCOHOL

Lowell is using a lot of alcohol.

We mean the particular kind of alcohol which is marked on the outside of the bottle in glaring red letters intermingled with skull-bones and other terrifying devices to let the world at large know that it is not intended for internal use. It is known as common, everyday denatured alcohol—the kind sister uses to clean the furniture with. The more expensive species of it is called wood alcohol.

Since the war started alcohol has been used in warfare on a scale that never existed in peace times. In the winter this is especially true. The various guns used in the army all must have a certain amount of oil for recoiling purposes and in the frigid weather it is impossible to keep the oil from freezing. Alcohol is used as a substitute because it will stand a very low temperature before freezing. Naturally there are more guns being used now than ever before and the alcohol demand inevitably increases. Then the gun cotton used in connection with the guns and the manufacture of dynamite calls for a large amount of alcohol also.

In Lowell, of course, there has not been a great demand for alcohol for military purposes, but the automobilists of the city are buying the fluid as they never did before. One prominent local dealer says that it is a common occurrence to sell 50 gallons of it to automobilists alone in one day. The auto fans use it in connection with the engines of their machines, and an even temperance may be maintained even in extremely cold weather.

The heavy demand for the fluid both in Lowell and elsewhere has naturally resulted in a raise in price. A year ago this time, denatured alcohol was selling in Lowell at retail for 75 cents a gallon. Today you have to pay \$1.15 for it. Wood alcohol cost \$1.30 a year ago, and today you pay \$1.80 for it. This has affected people in many lines of business. The dry houses and cleansing establishments use a lot of alcohol and the increase in price has meant a few cents more in the cost of having one's garments cleaned. The local hospitals use a lot of alcohol and they, too, feel the jump. The various manufacturing interests are also every-where of them—use alcohol in some branch of their operations. Last, but not least, the humble housekeeper is not to be forgotten. She must pay the inevitable jump without a whimper.

Asked as to whether or not there was any immediate danger of a scarcity of alcohol, a local dealer said that he couldn't see any just at present and that the local people were able to get all they wanted. However, if the war lasts too long, it is only natural to suppose that the strong-smelling element will dwindle eventually. Conservation efforts might well turn their attention to alcohol now, before the period of real emergency arrives.

MORE RECRUITS FOR ARMY

Bertrand E. Dixon, of 30 Canton street has enlisted in the coast artillery of the regular army and left Lowell this morning for Boston.

Armand Papillon of Middlesex street signed up with the 249th Canadian battalion and left for Quebec this morning. Lieut. Stohelm of the British and Canadian recruiting mission left Lowell last night for his home in Nova Scotia where he will spend the Christmas holidays. Sergt. Edward Pinner, recruiting for the 249th Canadian forces, is concentrating his energies on Lawrence at the present time and so far he has succeeded in securing half a dozen men from the down river city.

Sergt. J. Healey is in charge of local recruiting for the British and Canadian forces.

Harold Grompton and Harold Chick, formerly of this city, but more recently residents of Methuen, were among the recent recruits for the regular army. They have been assigned to San Antonio, Texas.

William E. Reilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Reilly of 107 Inland street, has passed all examinations for entrance into the ordnance department of the regular army and has been assigned to San Antonio, Texas. He is the second member of the family to enlist as his brother, Francis E. Reilly, is now in Texas as a member of the aviation corps. William Reilly was prominent in local high school military circles several years ago.

Recent enlistments from Dracut in the regular army include Prince Coburn, son of Mrs. Ella Coburn, and Samuel Decelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Decelle.

Home on Furlough

Ralph Gagne, Joseph Lamotte, Leopold Paradis and Pierre Briere, four local young men, who a couple of weeks ago enlisted at the local army headquarters for the Canadian army, are enjoying a furlough at their respective homes in this city. The young men wear the regulation olive drab overcoat and fur cap. The soldiers are all members of the 249th Canadian battalion, the last

volunteer organization to be recruited, and their post is at the Citadel in Quebec. They will return to the Canadian city Jan. 6 and they expect to sail for France within a few weeks. Arthur Barry of 293 Steadman street, has also enlisted in the same battalion and will report to Boston this afternoon, to be sent to Canada at a later date.

Legal Advisory Board

One of the busiest sessions of the legal advisory board at city hall was held yesterday, during which 303 registrants were assisted by the 16 lawyers present in filling their questionnaires.

Sixteen other lawyers were on the job again this morning, and between the hours of 10 and 12 there was a continuous rush of registrants in the old councilman's chamber, where the sessions are being held. The members of the bar will remain on duty until 10 o'clock this evening, in rendering what assistance they can to the young men.

The Spokane Chronicle describes an aerostyle built at Spokane, Wash., for use in delivering mail in Alaska. The vehicle is provided with an aeroplane engine, and is driven by a large propeller. The machine is capable of travelling over any depth of snow at a rate of 75 miles an hour.

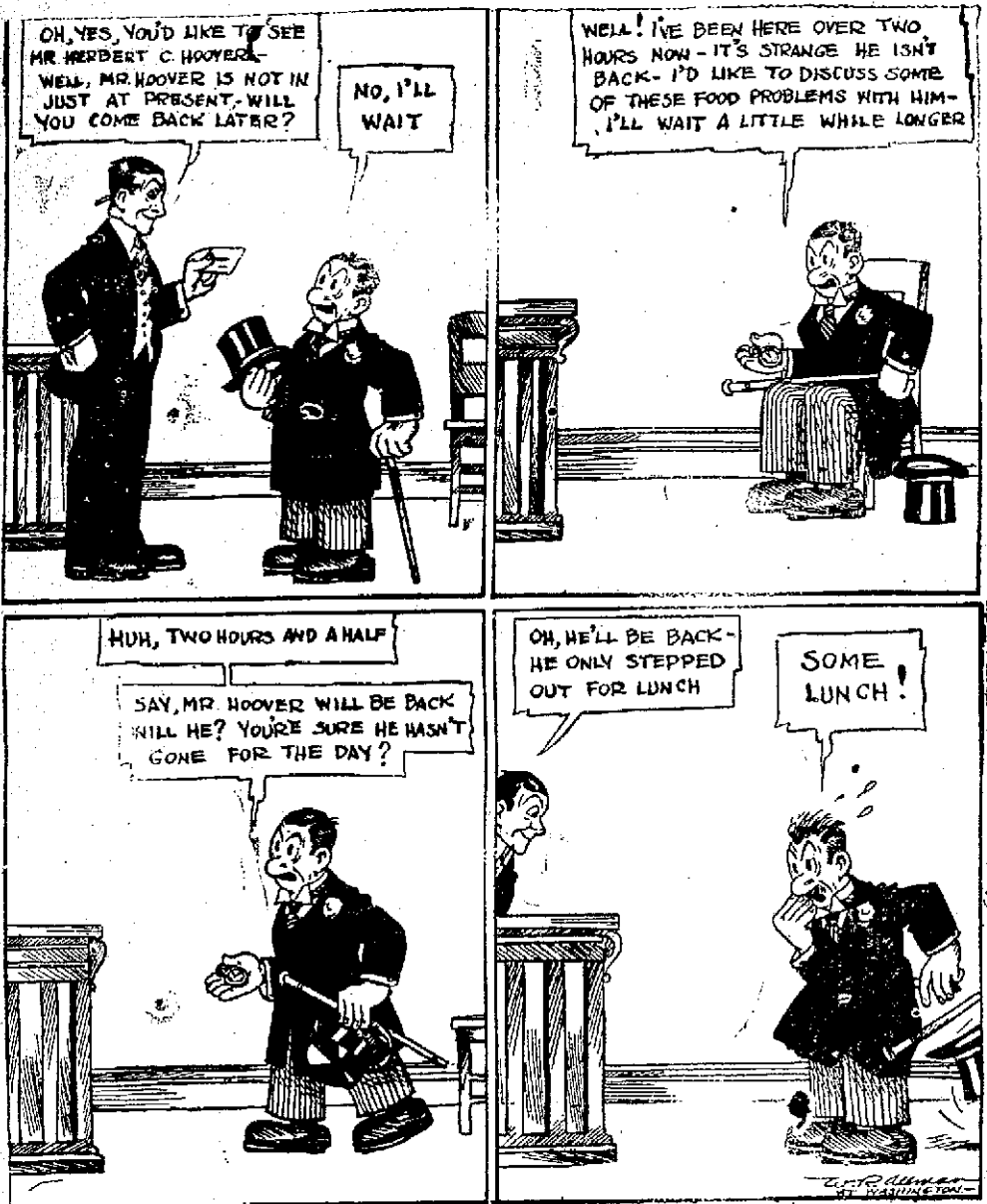
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DON'T YOU WISH YOU WERE FRECKLES



Lipettes

Drug Stores Offer Many Gift Suggestions

This will be a year when budgets, details and wishes seem to be crowded in the selection of gifts.

Your gift purchased in a Lipette Store, will bring the greatest amount of joy and satisfaction to the recipient at the smallest cost to yourself.

Something for Her

Beautifully grained Ivory Py-ra-lin

Brushes60c to \$1.75
Bonnet Brushes85c to \$1.25
Button Hooks20c to 50c
Cloth Brushes\$2.60 to \$3.50
Combs20c to \$1.00
Cream and Salve Jars20c to \$1.25
Cuticle Knives35c to 75c
Glove Stretchers60c to \$1.50
Hair Brushes40c to \$5.00
Hair Receivers60c to \$2.75
Hat Brushes\$1.50 to \$2.00
Jewel Boxes\$1.50 to \$2.50
Manicure Sets\$1.75 to \$6.00
Mirrors30c to \$5.50
Nail Files25c to 75c
Perfume Bottles35c to \$4.00
Picture Frames75c to \$2.50
Pin Cushions59c to \$2.50
Puff Boxes35c to \$5.00
Shoe Horns50c to \$1.50
Talcum Powder Holders75c to \$1.25
Tooth Powder Holders75c
Trays40c to \$3.25

Fine Perfumes

Imported and Domestic

Godet French Perfumes\$1.25 to \$10.00
Harmony Perfumes35c to \$1.00
Intense Toilet Water\$1.00
Ivory Desk or Dresser Clocks\$1.75 to \$4.50
La Boheme Perfume Sets\$12.00
Lilas Arly Perfume Sets\$10.00
Mavis Perfume Sets\$3.00
Perfume Atomizers50c to \$10.00
Violet Dulce Perfume Sets\$1.25 to \$1.75

Also selected line of French Perfumes from Roger & Gallet, Coty, Piver, Djer Kiss and Houbigant

Gifts for Most Anyone

Alarm Clocks\$1.25 to \$2.50
Brownie Cameras\$1.00 to \$5.00
Electric Vibrators\$16.50 to \$35.00
Folding Kodaks\$6.00 to \$25.00
Gift Stationery in plain and Hand Painted Boxes, all popular sizes50c to \$3.50
Hot Water Bottles69c to \$3.25
Kenney Bath Showers\$7.50
Klenzo Bath Sprays\$1.69

For the Children

Century Dolls69c to \$2.49
Four Coin Savings Banks\$1.25
Rubber Toys15c to 25c
Celluloid Toys10c to 25c
Erector Sets\$1.00 to \$25.00

Soldier's Smoking Kit

Containing 200 Black and White Cigarettes, a 50-cent Briar Pipe, an Army and Navy Cigar Lighter, package of Pipe Cleaners, one extra flint for lighter, one extra black and white tobacco—all securely packed in corrugated carton, ready to mail to the boys at home or "over there." Price.....\$1.50

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THE U. S. CARTRIDGE CO. LEAGUE

The Drawing Dept. team of the U. S. Cartridge Co. League is now locating the top rung of the ladder with the Tool Room and Bullet Dept. tied for second honors. Devlin leads in individual averages with Gleason a close second. The standing of the teams and individual averages follow:

TEAM STANDING			
	Won	Lost	P.C.
Drawing Dept.	27	9	75.0
Tool Room	22	14	61.1
Bullet Dept.	22	14	61.1
Grinders	19	17	52.7
Inspectors	19	17	52.7
Primers	13	23	36.1
Finish Shell	12	24	33.3
Machine Shop	10	26	27.7

Averages of 50 and over:
Devlin 100.20, Gleason 100.00, H. Mullen 99.20, Kano 98.60, McGaughlin 97.18, Campbell 97.14, Rogers 97.05, D. Bourke 96.97, 97.14, Shugrue 96.11, Manning 96.08, Atkinson 95.90, A. Mason 94.11, Gladis 94.08, Reynolds 94.04, Decker 93.20, C. Rourke 93.18, Nevin 93.09, Quinn 92.90, R. Mullen 92.88, McGowan 92.88, Taggart 92.81, M. Pendergast 92.16, Rooney 92.14, Cox 92.11, Byrne 92.09, Stewart 92.06, Noel 92.06, Calvert 92.03, Sweeney 92.01, Jordan 91.16, O'Dea 91.10, Higgins 91.06, Fagan 91.01, Ramsden 90.77, Swift 90.11, Doyle 90.11, Lamb 90.08, Goodwin 90.05, Davenport 90.00, Green 90.20.

HIGHLAND DAYLIGHTS AT TOP OF LADDER IN THE CITY LEAGUE

The Highland Daylights are leading in the fight for supremacy in the City League, with the White Ways and Crescents following in second and third position, respectively. Devlin is at the head of the individual list with Martel traveling close on his heels and Cole in third position.

TEAM STANDING			
	Won	Lost	P.C.
Highland Daylights	47	15	75.8
White Ways	37	15	70.8
Crescents	35	17	67.6
Kimbells	32	20	61.5
Middlesex	29	23	55.8
Guinns	24	28	46.1
Spindle City's	21	31	40.6
Carra	21	31	40.6
Interlocks	19	33	36.4
Jewels	8	42	16.0

Devlin 100.7, Martel 100.25, Cole 100.16, Marquis 100.2, Estes 100.32, Jewett 100.23, Dwyer 100.24, Brigham 100.22, Concanon 100.13, Plymick 100.11, F. O'Brien 100.08, LeBrun 100.08, Sweeney 100.05, Jodoin 100.03, Bernardini 100.22, Kelley 100.15, Griffin 100.08, Perrin 99.25, Burns 99.36, Holmes 99.19, L. O'Brien 99.20, Wlanders 99.38, Johnson 99.25, Kempton 99.09, Braun 99.24, Sherman 99.10, Lunde 99.25, Bosquet 99.25, Baril 99.24, McNeil 97.1, Pomfret 95.17, Sparrow 96.1, Mahan 95.1.

Two games were played in the City Minor League last night. The Highland Daylights winning three points from the Kittredges while the Bridge Street boys took three points from the Spindle City. Honors of the Bridge Street outfit was high man with a total of 327. The scores:

KITTREDGES			
	Won	Lost	P.C.
Kirane	91	35	72.3
Riley	97	104	75.7
King	106	116	81.9
Amerson	102	104	81.9
Sally	98	89	91.9
Totals	484	497	44.5

HIGHLAND DAYLIGHTS

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Dorran	86	84	50.6
Picard	112	87	101
Jord	110	92	90
Pierre	107	112	90
Selsieile	82	99	112
Totals	595	474	47.8

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
Gale Kane in "A GAME OF WITS"

A happy five-reel drama in which a clever young girl cleared up the path of love when a rich old codger got in the way.

BILLY WEST, Chaplin's Only Rival, In "CUPID'S RIVAL," a Scream a Second OTHER PLAYS

TONIGHT ONLY—DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN "THE HABIT OF HAPPINESS" OTHER PLAYS

MERRIMACK THEATRE

TODAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
MRS. VERNON CASTLE
In "The Mark of Cain"

A mystery story of unusual excellence—keeps you guessing every minute.

Sessue Hayakawa in "The Secret Game"

You ought to see this picture. It's just full of big moments and they're the kind that satisfy your craving for "creeps."

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DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL DANCE BY THE

Sunset Campers ASSOCIATE HALL TONIGHT

Miner-Doyle Orchestra Tickets 25 Cents

—AT— FRIDAY NIGHT

Polo Rollaway Brockton vs. Lowell, at 8.15.

Amateur Game at 7.30.

BRIDGE STREET

Sullivan	88	101	89	278
Carr	99	103	92	284
McDowell	104	102	93	299
Inspectors	107	110	92	321
Houston	107	114	106	327
Totals	498	639	472	1509

SPINDLE CITY

Desrosier	91	87	94	272
Manning	94	97	93	282
McLaughlin	91	106	84	251
J. Manning	82	113	100	296
Boucher	104	100	111	315
Totals	465	603	483	1446

POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	11	11	64.7
Providence	8	8	50.0
Worcester	9	8	52.9
Brockton	7	8	46.7
Portland	6	8	42.9
Lawrence	7	11	38.9

LAST NIGHT'S POLO RESULTS

At Worcester: Providence 6, Worcester 8.
At Lawrence: Lawrence 5, Portland 2.

Polo Notes

Barney Doherty, the Cy Young of polo, will be here on Friday night, with his Brockton team, and the warman is going along at a remarkable clip. He has a fine team with him this season, and can be depended upon putting up a great battle.

An amateur game will precede the Brockton-Lowell game Friday night, starting at 7.30 o'clock. These preliminary battles are making a hit with the fans, and will be continued throughout the season.

It certainly looks like old times to see Lowell on the top.

It seems as if Referee Fitzgerald was rather derelict in his duty Saturday night in not stopping some of the roughness. It spoiled the game as it took away all the sentiment. The referee said there was something between the men but the whistle had hardly sounded when it could be plainly seen that Dufresne and Cusick were out looking for trouble. These preliminary battles are making a hit with the fans, and will be continued throughout the season.

By defeating Worcester last night the Providence team went into second place.

A championship battle between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton will be a wonderful spectacle, said Hinkel, "and as it will benefit the Red Cross, an enormous sum of money should be realized. It would seem as if the bars could be raised to permit the showing of moving pictures of the battle in the United States."

"This offer is sincere, and I am making it to show the Red Cross and the government how important the bout is and to give an idea of the amount of money which could be taken in."

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A Thrilling Story of a Girl Whose Marriage Was Influenced by Money.

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TAFT SAYS GERMAN PEOPLE OUR FOES

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The United States is not only fighting the Kaiser and the Prussian military system but the German people, said former President Taft, in addressing a gathering of manufacturers at the annual banquet of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts here last night. "And the only way we can win," he added, "is by hitting the German people on the head with a club."

When the attempt to form a constitutional monarchy in Germany failed, Mr. Taft continued, the freedom-loving Germans came to this country and are now counted among our best citizens. Those who remained in Germany through the Bismarckian rule saw the success of this rule of blood and iron until, Mr. Taft said, they became ob-

scured with the idea that success in conquest had made them a chosen people of God and that there was a German God, represented by the German state—which state could do no wrong.

So the Germans recognized no international morality that stood in the way of the aggression of the state, Mr. Taft continued. He described how loyal the Germans were to their government and said they would remain so until they experienced a psychological change, to be effected by their positive defeat, after which they could be trusted to abandon their policy of militarism.

Mr. Taft thought that to beat Germany the United States must send from five to seven million soldiers to France. In conclusion he frankly declared that if the United States did not win the war the only alternative would be to make militarism the dominating policy of the government.

Sen. Weeks on Railroads
United States Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, discussed the railroad congestion. He proposed that the freight cars of all the railroads be handled by one company and their service controlled in a manner similar to the conduct of the Pullman Car Co.

Burton S. Butler, chief of the foreign and domestic bureau at Washington urged the manufacturers to organize their employees as industrial allies on a basis which would give the workmen an equal say with the manufacturers in every important move toward putting the industries of the country on a war basis. In this way, he said, the manufacturers would be able to make good their offers of assistance to the government which now depend largely on the factor of labor which they were unable to control.

Medill McCormick, congressman at large from Illinois, pointed out that it was too soon to say we have mastered the submarine. Mr. McCormick said that it was the fear of failure of the U-boats that caused Germany to strike at Italy.

German Drive in Italy a Blessing
"If America and the allies can profit by the lesson we may yet count the German drive into Italy as a disguised blessing," he said. "If America and the allies can learn anything from the past, if America awakes and does her full duty in the manufacture of vast

numbers of cannon Italy with her millions of infantry can be armed with the great weapons necessary to repeat on the Piave what transpired on the Marne."

At a business session of the association F. C. Hood of Watertown was elected president, succeeding Richard H. Rice of Lynn. Among the other officers chosen were Frederick H. Payne of Greenfield, treasurer; A. W. Gilbert of Indian Orchard, first vice president, and Howard Conoley of Boston, second vice president.

5000 TON STEEL CARGO SHIPS FOR GOVERNMENT

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 20.—Marking the actual beginning of production of standardized 5000 ton steel cargo ships for the United States government, Charles P. Page of the United States shipping board today drove the first rivet in the first of these vessels at a large ship yard near here which has been rushed to completion in 76 days. The keels of two similar vessels are to be laid this month. The program of the private corporation building the ships calls for the completion of 150 of the cargo boats in the least possible time. The yards where this work is being done are so arranged that 25 of the vessels will be under simultaneous construction.

U. S. HAS 1000 SHIPS IN COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The next step of the house sub-committee investigating the war activities of the navy had not been revealed today and it appeared probable that further sessions would be deferred until after the Christmas recess. The committee adjourned last night without fixing any time for resuming the hearing.

Secretary Daniels on the stand yesterday, gave a comprehensive outline of the construction program, pointing out that 424 vessels exclusive of submarine chasers and other small craft, he declared, were now in commission as compared with 300 two years ago and the personnel at present amounted to 280,000 officers and men as against 4376 officers and 64,680 men last April.

DAUGHTER OF GROVER CLEVELAND AND BRITISH ARMY OFFICER ENGAGED
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, to Capt. Bosanquet of the Coldstream Guards. Capt. Bosanquet, a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, has been decorated with the distinguished service order.

Miss Cleveland came to London in June of last year, after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind, and took up work as a volunteer of St. Dancian's home for blinded soldiers.

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LADIES' WAISTS FOR CHRISTMAS
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3,000,000 GERMANS ON WESTERN FRONT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Germany's strength on the Franco-British front is placed in official despatches received here yesterday at 154 divisions (about 3,000,000 men), or within one division of the great force amassed there last July when the German military effort against France was at its maximum.

Nearly Strong as Ever
Withdrawals from Russia and drafts upon the younger classes of reservists have enabled the Kaiser not only to make up the enormous losses suffered in bloody battles with the allies, but to replace the men sent to aid the Austrians in their invasion of Italy.

Winter, therefore, finds the Germans with armies facing the allies in France very nearly equal to the largest ever before mustered. With advertisement of a great offensive, which may presage another peace proposal.

The allies, however, are understood to maintain a considerable superiority in numbers on the western front. Arrival in France of hundreds of Czechs and Slovaks from the United States to join a Czech-Slovak legion, which will fight with the allies, was announced today in official despatches. The force is being organized by the French government, and has been raised through the activities of the national council of the Czech states in Paris.

The number of Czechs-Slovaks who will fight for their national independence is large in the entire countries. Many are expected to come from the thousands of prisoners in Italy and the nearly 100,000 prisoners in Russia. Gen. Janin, former head of the French military mission in Russia, is to command the legion.

MAJ. GEN. SCOTT BACK FROM BATTLE FRONT

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 20.—Major Hugh L. Scott, U.S.A., who is to be assigned as chief of instruction of the new national army, returned today from Europe on an American steamship. He has been at the front in France studying conditions. A number of United States army officers arrived with him.

CHRISTMAS FURLOUGHS FOR MORE AYER MEN

CAMP DEVERNE, Ayer, Dec. 20.—What draftees and their families all over New England have been hoping for has happened—Secretary Baker has revoked the war department order limiting Christmas leave to 5 per cent of the men here, and has ordered that the matter be left to the discretion of cantonment commanders.

This news came late last evening, and Brig. Gen. William Weigel at once stated that leave would be granted at

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WOOLEN UNIFORMS FOR ALL TROOPS PROVIDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The war department has complied with all but one of Surgeon General Gorgas' recommendations for betterment of training camp conditions. Secretary Baker announced, and a general improvement in the health of the men already noted by field sanitation officers in reports on National Guard divisions is expected to result. The secretary pointed out that the reports upon which action was taken were received for the most part two weeks or more ago.

Woollen uniforms for all troops have been provided and are either at the camps or en route. The only step recommended by Gen. Gorgas which remains to be acted upon is that regarding the establishment of observation camps in which recruits shall be gathered for two weeks before they pass into company organizations at the training camps.

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